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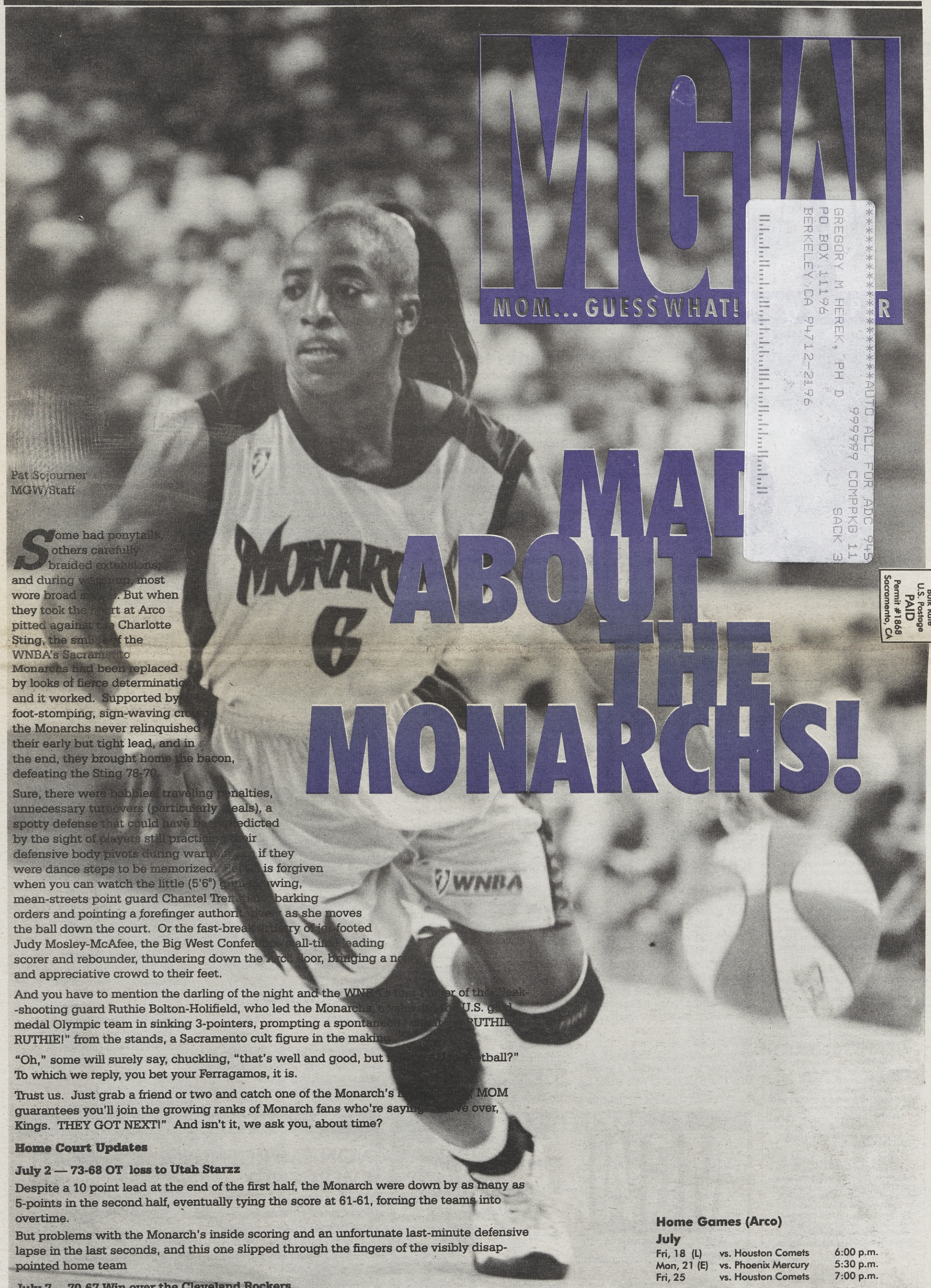

Pat Sojourner
MGW/Staff

MAD ABOUT THE MONARCHS!

Some had ponytails, others carefully braided extensions, and during warm-ups, most wore broad smiles. But when they took the court at Arco pitted against the Charlotte Sting, the smiles of the WNBA's Sacramento Monarchs had been replaced by looks of fierce determination, and it worked. Supported by foot-stomping, sign-waving crowds, the Monarchs never relinquished their early but tight lead, and in the end, they brought home the bacon, defeating the Sting 78-70.

Sure, there were hobbles, traveling penalties, unnecessary turnovers (particularly on steals), a spotty defense that could have been predicted by the sight of players still practicing their defensive body pivots during warm-ups as if they were dance steps to be memorized. But all is forgiven when you can watch the little (5'6") guard with the wing, mean-streets point guard Chantel Tremitiere barking orders and pointing a forefinger authoritatively as she moves the ball down the court. Or the fast-breaking artistry of ice-footed Judy Mosley-McAfee, the Big West Conference all-time leading scorer and rebounder, thundering down the floor, bringing a noisy and appreciative crowd to their feet.

And you have to mention the darling of the night and the WNBA's leading shooter of the season, three-shooting guard Ruthie Bolton-Holifield, who led the Monarchs to victory over the U.S. gold medal Olympic team in sinking 3-pointers, prompting a spontaneous "RUTHIE RUTHIE!" from the stands, a Sacramento cult figure in the making.

"Oh," some will surely say, chuckling, "that's well and good, but is it football?" To which we reply, you bet your Ferragamos, it is.

Trust us. Just grab a friend or two and catch one of the Monarch's home games. MOM guarantees you'll join the growing ranks of Monarch fans who're saying "Move over, Kings. THEY GOT NEXT!" And isn't it, we ask you, about time?

Home Court Updates

July 2 — 73-68 OT loss to Utah Starzz

Despite a 10 point lead at the end of the first half, the Monarch were down by as many as 5-points in the second half, eventually tying the score at 61-61, forcing the teams into overtime.

But problems with the Monarch's inside scoring and an unfortunate last-minute defensive lapse in the last seconds, and this one slipped through the fingers of the visibly disappointed home team

July 7 —70-67 Win over the Cleveland Rockers

In an aggressive game that had fans dancing in the aisles, the matriarchs of the Monarchs proved they could come through in a pinch. Still exhibiting a hard-to-shake weakness in inside-shooting, it was the Monarch's trio of Ruthie Bolton Holifield (23 points, 4 assists), talented point guard Chantel Tremitiere (16 points, 4 assists, and 4 steals), and lay-up artist Bridgette Gordon (11 points and 8 rebounds), who saved the day, giving the Monarchs a big win in front of a record crowd of 7,420 cheering admirers.

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Sun, 10	vs. New York Liberty	6:00 p.m.
Tue, 12	vs. Cleveland Rockers	7:00 p.m.
Wed, 20	vs. Phoenix Mercury	7:00 p.m.

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Kathryn D. Glaeser

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Have Your Cake

Dear Editor,

I'd like to respond to the letter from Robert Johnson ("Where Are the Good Men?") in the June 15 issue.

First off, I doubt you have even met a small percentage, much less 95% of gay men and here's a clue, like straight people, stop looking in bars and ads and start getting involved in community programs — that's where all the guys with a heart hang out.

Also, in all your exotic travels, have you ever dated anyone who wasn't the physical ideal that the horny male mind worships? The greatest, most loving men are the ones who aren't what you'd call classically handsome. Those that one might describe as mouthwatering are usually the ones that are put on a pedestal from a young age and groomed into the egotistical, shallow dorks you've described.

I have friends that have been in relationships ranging anywhere from 5 to 30 years and everyone of them are down to earth, fun loving and physically average. Perhaps your problem is trying to find Matthew Broderick in Torch Song Trilogy when your ideal match is probably Arnold. You can have your cake and eat it too, but the cake has more flavor if it came out of the oven a little lopsided.

Some food for thought - pun intended.

M. Burlingame-Couk
MGW Writer

Knight in Shining Armor

Dear Editor,

The following is in regard to Robert Johnson's letter in the June 15, 1997 issue of MGW.

I read your letter and had a rather quick response, get over it! But then after some thought, I had to admit that I have echoed those very words to myself and my friends many times. Sometimes it all is very overwhelming, but the key is to stay true to your beliefs. I know that there probably will never by a "Knight in Shining Armor" to sweep me off my feet, the house with the white picket fence, two car garage, and the kids playing in the yard. Still, I believe in the back of my mind that sometimes dreams do come true and I hope that you find this. However, I have learned one thing most important, if you are not happy with your life without a "partner," having one will not make you any better off. Thank you for your letter, I have been feeling quite jaded lately. It's very difficult for myself to meet new people and my friends help a lot, but the bottom line is, it's up to myself. So I will venture out on the proverbial limb and take a chance at being shot down in MGW, the Editor will have my address and phone number if you care to have coffee.

Zacharia John Jackson

Thanks for PR

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for including a photo and description of our upcoming production in your latest issue. I understand that we got the information to you at the very last minute, but your ability to squeeze it in did not go unappreciated.

Christopher
Makeshift Production

Elevate Our Behavior

Dear Editor,

Thanks to all who helped make the Freedom Fair such a wonderful celebration! This is my fourth time attending and it just gets better and bigger every year. This year my husband was able to attend, and as in previous years, I also brought our children. My parents worked the PFLAG booth. Considering that the celebration is held "on the steps" of California's Capitol building and that it is a community event, not an "adults only", I was disappointed to hear over the public address system "the F word" and other street language and to observe a man dancing as if he were performing oral sex. We walked over to the dance area to join in, but had to leave, because our children were with us. There is a difference between adult and juvenile behavior. If we want this festival to be a community celebration, then we must elevate our behavior to that which is acceptable and honorable in the eyes and ears of our children. It only takes a few of us to make an entire event appear raunchy. That criticism aside, it was a joyous event and we look forward to next year's. Also, I sent this to the Sacramento Bee.

Metro Section: Sunday, July 15, 1997

Thank you for an excellent review of the fair. The title was accurate...it truly was a festival! I appreciated the author not inserting editorial moralizing. There is enough of that going around these days and it was nice to read an article that shared the true spirit of the event. It was a celebration!

Teresa Heitmiller Olea

ABC Did the Right Thing

The following letter was sent to Jamie Tarses, Entertainment President, ABC Television Network.

Dear Jamie,

First I think it's great that the person with the greatest capability got the job. I've followed your career and am pleased that the big Kahuna did the right thing. Yes, I am a feminist.

My first wife and I were in Waikiki last week for a May Day concert and went down to Hula's, a gay/lesbian bar on Kuhio, to watch the Ellen Show. We belong to PFLAG and wanted to show our support. We, like many non x-generation adults had never watched Ellen but now we are addicts.

My note here, reflects not only my and my wife's support for the Disney/Touchstone decision, but also that of my daughter and her husband.

As the expression goes Jamie, you've come a long way with your leadership and I sincerely wish you well in the year Ellen+one.

Bud & Nena Heitmiller
Granite Bay

Yolo Parents Gather

Dear Editor,

I am the President of the Yolo County Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). We meet the 2nd Monday of each odd month in Woodland, and even months in Davis, 7pm. Refreshments will be served. Info: 666-1245, 758-4754, 678-3878, yolopflag@aol.com, nholl24287@aol.com.

Sincerely,
Nancy Holland
Yolo County PFLAG President

Yolo County: Thanks

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Yolo County Gay Pride Day Committee, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your help for the LesBiGay Day Picnic. It was a wonderful and well attended event, and much of its success was due to your support. We thank you for that support.

Sincerely,
Shelly Bailes/Ellen Pontiac
Co-ordinators
Yolo County Gay Pride Day Committee

Oprah's Coming Out

Dear Editor,

Yes, Oprah is now saying that she is NOT gay or coming out, however my sources still stand by their story and are convinced she will come out when her show ends - most likely in May, 1998.

Keep in mind that celebrities love to create buzz, months and (years?) before they actually admit to certain proclivities. Look how long it took Ellen to come out. And what a shock that was!! (ha).

Most recently, Matthew Broderick created a scandal in the New York Post insisting that he was not going to be getting married and had no such plans. However, he was married at a private ceremony the night before the article appeared.

So, I am sticking by my story and with my sources and continue to believe that Oprah's coming out will become a reality sooner or later. And when and if it does happen, I plan to be on top of the story from beginning to end.

Tim Nasson

Chaney Chiropractic Says Goodbye

Dear Editor,

Over the past 12 years that I have been in practice, I have been very involved politically within chiropractic. Recently, I have been offered a position with the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE). The NBCE administers examinations that a Doctor of Chiropractic is required to pass before taking any state board for licensure. It is a great honor to be selected for this position. I am very excited and have accepted the offer. However, I must relocate to Greeley, CO, by July 15. (Yes, this is somewhat overwhelming!)

Dr. Buck and I greatly appreciate your friendship and cooperation. If we can do anything to make this transition easier, please do not hesitate to contact us. Finally, thank you. Dr. Buck and I are honored to have served the greatest patients in the world.

Yours in health,
Karen L. Chaney, D.C.
Nancy Buck, R.N., D.C.

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UNDER THE DOME

Hawaii's Domestic Partners Bill in Effect

Joy Fisher
MGW/Staff

July 8 marked a dramatic change in the rights of gay and lesbian couples living in Hawaii. They got the right to be "reciprocal beneficiaries." That's "domestic partner" to the rest of us, but, hey--what's in a name? The important thing is that, along with the new status came some 45 of the more than 400 rights and benefits identified as accruing to heterosexual couples who marry in Hawaii.

That's certainly less than gay and lesbian couples deserve, and obviously not equal protection under the law, but it's more than we have anywhere else in the United States, and more than we have even dared to ask for in California.

These rights and benefits include such things as hospital visitation and the right to make health care decisions for reciprocal beneficiaries too disabled to do so themselves; access to health care coverage for employees' reciprocal beneficiaries and their dependent children; inheritance rights; survivorship rights to public employee pensions upon the death of a reciprocal beneficiary who is a retired public worker; workers compensation survivorship benefits; funeral leave for state and county workers upon the death of a reciprocal beneficiary; the right to hold real property in tenancy by the entirety, until now limited to married couples.

The list of benefits goes on and on, but it is not without end. The state could not bring itself, for example, to let reciprocal beneficiaries file joint income tax returns,
and the lawmakers carefully skirted all issues of adoption and custody of children.
There's no privilege not to testify against one's reciprocal beneficiary in a court case. And of course no federal benefits that accrue to married couples (such as social security survivorship benefits) are conferred.

Hawaiian gay activists are aware of these limitations and are also aware that the benefits they did get may be all they get. "We aren't jumping up and down over this. These are crumbs they are throwing at us," said former California attorney Sandy Meyers, now a Hawaii resident.

Nevertheless, she and her partner, Michelle Benjamin, were among the first to sign up for reciprocal beneficiary status in a special group filing ceremony attended by gay activists on the island of Kauai. The reason for their concern is that the reciprocal beneficiaries bill was part of a two-part compromise engineered last term in the Hawaii Legislature. The other part was a proposed constitutional amendment which will appear on the November 1998 ballot. The proposed amendment will ask voters if they want to give the legislature constitutional authority to enact a statute to limit marriage to opposite-gender couples.
If a majority votes yes, the amendment will be adopted, and the legislature could use its new constitutional authority to enact such a statute as early as the spring of 1999. Since recent polls have shown that more than 50 percent of Hawaii's voters currently oppose giving gays and lesbians the right to marry, there is a real danger
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that the amendment will pass.

If this occurs, it would override an expected favorable ruling of the Hawaii Supreme Court in a pending case, Baehr v. Miike, directing the state to issue marriage licenses to gay couples. That ruling will be based on the current wording of the equal protection clause of the state constitution.

Briefing has been completed in that case, and a ruling may be issued as soon as the middle of 1998. If that occurs, there may be a short "window of opportunity", after the court decision and before the November 1998 election, when gay and lesbian couples from all over the United States could marry in Hawaii, then return to their home states to seek recognition of those marriages.

Gay couples from other states could get married in Hawaii because Hawaii's marriage law does not require couples to be Hawaii residents. While the new reciprocal beneficiaries bill also has no explicit residency requirement, the main benefit of the bill is access to the rights accorded to reciprocal beneficiaries.

These rights are only found in the statutory law of Hawaii and thus only benefit residents of Hawaii.
Opponents of same-gender marriage are asking the Supreme Court to delay handing down its ruling until after the November 1998 election to forestall the possibility of legal challenges to the marriage laws of other states and to the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) passed by Congress last year and signed into law by President Bill Clinton.

Only time will tell whether the Hawaii Supreme Court will delay its decision.
In the meantime, some Hawaiian activists acknowledge the value of the "crumbs" which have been tossed their way.
David Kelly of Wailua, Kauai, also a participant in the group filing, acknowledged that, if the reciprocal beneficiaries law had been in effect sooner, he would not have been evicted from his home following the death of his partner from AIDS in 1992.

The family of his dead partner sued for ownership of the home Kelly had shared with his partner, and a state judge ruled in favor of the family, forcing Kelly to move out.

Furthermore, because his relationship with his partner had no legal standing, Kelly said he was precluded from recovering $65,000 he had put into repairs of the home after Hurricane Iniki devastated the island in 1992.
Kelly believes survivorship provisions in the law would have given him legal standing to continue living in the home.
One provision of the law gives reciprocal beneficiaries inheritance rights to a percentage of their partner's estate by law, regardless of the absence of a will, or even if there is an old will which fails to mention the surviving partner.

The existence of the new reciprocal beneficiaries bill is also causing some gay and lesbian nonresident couples to reassess their travel plans. One gay man from Texas was reported to say, when he heard that a domestic partnership bill might pass in Hawaii: "My partner and I were planning to be on the first plane to Hawaii once the Supreme Court gave us the right to marry. If the domestic partnership bill passes, we'll change our reservations to a one-way ticket."

Well, it has passed, and a one-way ticket is a good idea! Consider this: not only would it give you access to reciprocal beneficiary rights and benefits not available to you anywhere else in this country, it would also mean you'd be in Hawaii to vote in the November 1998 election.
Wouldn't it be something if the voters rejected the proposed constitutional amendment after all!

Joy Fisher is a Sacramento attorney and a member of SacL.E.G.A.L., "Lawyers for the Equality of Gays and Lesbians." She owns a house in Hawaii and intends to be there to vote in November 1998.

NOT MY AISLE

Lesbians Make Me Feel Fresh All Day!

Being fortunate enough to be raised in a household with strong female role models, I have always looked upon males and females as exact equals. As puberty set in and I discovered I was a part of a unique community, I never questioned the belief that that community would have an even stronger reenforcement of sexual equality. Holy rusted vibrators, Batman, was I ever in for a kick in the rubber pants!

As I began to become more involved in the LGB community, I found there was perhaps more of a gender division here than in the het world. Even our labels are separate. Regardless of gender, African Americans are African Americans, Native Americans are Native Americans, Hets are Hets, but *we* are Gay Men *and* Lesbians. Though we would like to believe we overcome bias, we have only to look at the media to see we still subscribe to the backward adage of women coming second.

A few weeks ago, I was in the Open Book with my friend Melorie, who, surprisingly, had never been there before. As we looked over the wall of videos, I leisurely pulled out cover after cover, looking at all the pretty men. Melorie, on the other hand, bobbed and weaved and leaned and stretched and said, "I've seen all these." "All of them?" There had to be over 100 videos. "The lesbian ones." I scanned the shelves quickly and found about 6 lesbian videos.

She shrugged, her voice accepting. "Everything's focused on the male audience." At first I felt a little insulted, but as I turned to the magazine rack to see shelf after shelf of men of every shape, color and size (take that however you want) and about three mags with women on the cover, my curiosity was piqued. Opening the magazines (I'd say which ones, but we all remember that happened the last time I did that, right?) and freebie newspapers, I found the advertising to be about 90% geared toward male readers. And none of the adverts toward women were nearly as blatantly sexual as the naked men that plugged (careful now) hotlines, resorts, beer, bars and the 1014 other things advertised.

Now, don't get me wrong, I'm all for naked men trying to sell me Polygrip and tequila, it just seems odd that naked people sell to men and not to women. "Well," said one ad rep, "you know what they say, whatever the product, men want to screw it and women want to relate to it." ... whatever...

In the het media, openly gay men are still pretty much used as poster boys for verbal fag-bashing, while lesbians get not only more coverage than gay men, but more positive coverage. The gay press, in contrast, caters more toward males (unless, of course, the females in question have names like Chastity or Melissa or what's her name...oh yeah, Ellen...I almost forgot).

Melorie's statement sparked to mind another time, a few months before, when I was also in the Open Book, drinking tea and staring mindlessly at the latest art exhibit while my friend rambled on and on about feminist issues--something I blindly support. I say blindly because while I know they are important for me to support, they, to me, are like the choice between Tampax or pads--I support it on principle, but it really has nothing to do with me. So I just said, "Uh huh," and, "Right" each time she took a breath, and continued to stare at the art.

But something set off my DUH alarm and I snapped to. "What?" "I said I wish it wasn't so hard to find videos with lesbian sex." I blinked unquestioningly. "Have you ever tried the adult section of...oh...say...ANY friggin' video store in the city? Almost every het video has at least one lez scene."

"It's not the same," she said. "Those women are just doing it for the money." "So are the others." I introduced her to reality. "It's still not the same." She whined, "If I'm going to spend my money on something, I want it to support people who are supporting me and not a bunch of sleazy straight guys with a camcorder and a hard-on."

Hmm...when put like that, I understood. I have always made a point not to buy videos starring porn icon Jeff Stryker. Which isn't hard since I was never that fond of him. There's something about an "I know you want me and I know that you know that I know that you want me" attitude that makes Mr. "Hey, how ya doin'" turn into Mr. "I've fallen and I can't get up." But it's that whole gay-for-pay thing that irks the hell out of me. A het, thinking he's the best thing since microwaveable tupperware, boinks fags in vids so he can make horny queers pay thousands of dollars to see his thing-a-ma-bob. Well, not me, little buddy.

So, now I find gender non-equality no longer merely a hovering thought in the back of my mind, but physically brought to my attention. I am consciously aware of what my lesbian friends have known all along, that there really is a huge gender bias, especially within our own media. So it's left to me to wonder: what am I going to do about it? Well, I already saw *Thelma & Louise*"...so for a start, the next time someone starts talking about feminist and/or lesbian issues, I'll try to make a greater effort to listen. We don't seem to stand much chance of leveling the sexuality field if we can't even level the gender field within our own community. Lesbians and gay men are equal partners in this struggle and in this community, and it's just as important to not only support, but understand their issues as well as gay men do their own. And if there's ever a boycott against Masengill, count me in, my sisters! But I draw the line at watching lesbian porno...not even remotely near my aisle!

- M. Burlingame-Couk

M. Burlingame-Couk is a longtime Sacramento resident who thinks American actors who play foreign films should pick an accent and stick to it! Write him at MGW, 1725 L. St., Sac, CA 95814, or E-mail at info@mgwnews.com

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Navratilova announces the donation of over $50,000 to the g/l community

In October, tennis legend and leading advocate of gay causes, Martina Navratilova introduced the Rainbow Card℠, an internationally accepted VISA® credit card, the use of which supports causes of interest to the g/l community. Just four months after launching the Rainbow Card, Navratilova announced the donation of over $50,000 on behalf of the Rainbow Endowment, a non-profit organization that contributes funds derived from use of the Rainbow Card to beneficiary organizations serving the g/l community.

"Initial cardholder support of the Rainbow Card has been tremendous," stated Navratilova, spokesperson for the Rainbow Endowment. Each of us working on the Rainbow Card program are grateful for the overwhelming support that we've received from the gay and lesbian community and the opportunity to give back to our community in such a significant way. These early contributions are a tribute to all of the cardholders who have responded so enthusiastically to the Rainbow program and to the needs of the community."

The program has also enjoyed tremendous corporate support from Subaru of America, Inc., founding sponsor of the Rainbow Endowment. According to Navratilova, "Subaru is the ideal corporate partner. Already they have played an integral role in helping us fund crucial organizations committed to HIV/AIDS and breast cancer research and services. We are thankful for Subaru's ongoing commitment and support."▼

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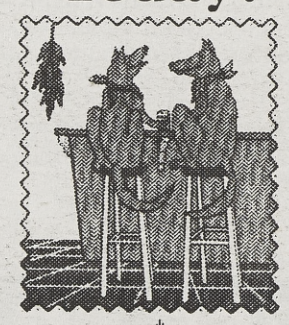

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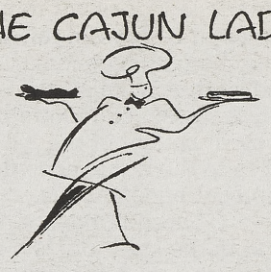

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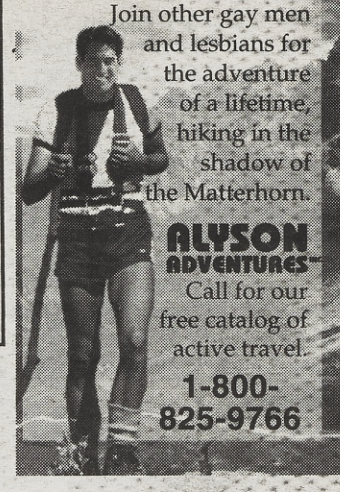

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Volunteers are needed to help with the Capitol AIDS Walk, scheduled for September 21. The walk is the fundraiser for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation (SAF) and the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services (CARES).

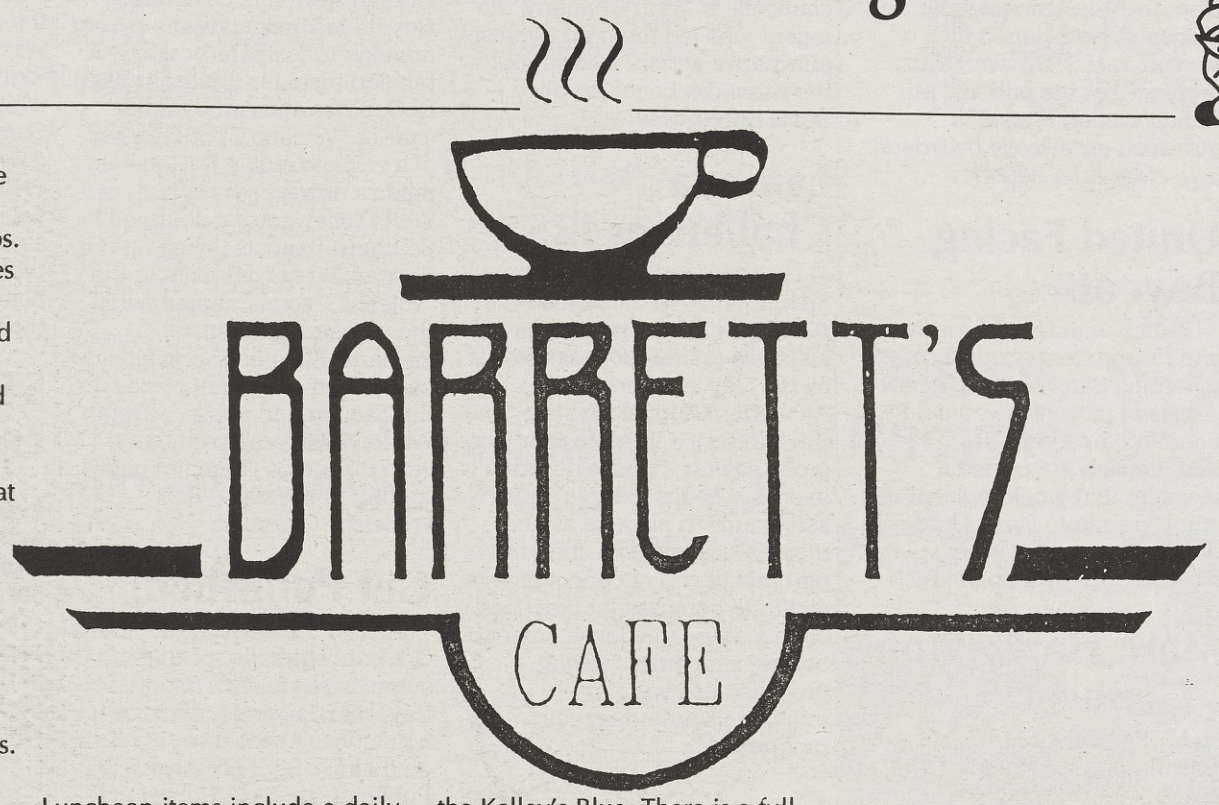
Participants in the Capitol AIDS Walk ask family, friends, neighbors, or co-workers for a pledge for their involvement in the event. Companies and individuals can make cash donations, match employee contributions, or provide goods and services to underwrite the expense. Info: (800) 448-WALK.▼

Barrett's Cafe: Down-Home Cooking

Randy Hartley
MGW/Staff

When I was in New York visiting friends, we traveled the New England area, touring the beautiful fall-colored townships. One of our most fun adventures was to search out small diners for breakfast or lunch. The food was always great and the atmosphere interesting. I found such a diner right here in river city--Barrett's Cafe. Located behind Andiamo's and Togos at Alhambra and Folsom Boulevards, Barrett's may be one of the most accommodating restaurants in town.

The menu offers wonderful breakfast and lunch items that are served in generous portions. Over time I have tried almost everything on the menu. Some of Barrett's breakfast delights include wonderful omelettes, pancakes, waffles and his famous Eggs Benedict. My recommendations would be the Vegetable Omelette or (weekends only) the Eggs Benedict.



Luncheon items include a daily special for $4.29. The Hot Turkey Sandwich with mashed potatoes and gravy served on Thursdays is everybody's favorite! Barrett's selection of nine different burgers is fantastic! Try the Mushroom Swiss or the Kelley's Blue. There is a full ice cream fountain and free refills on iced tea, coffee and cold drinks. Don't forget to try Barrett's homemade pies and cakes. The Red Velvet Cake is to die for...

I think you will find the decor and atmosphere upbeat, too--vibrant colors, interesting art, black and white checkered floor and lovely hanging purple light fixtures over the tables.

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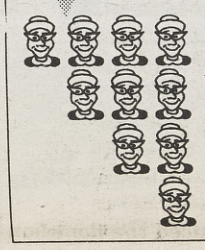

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Pentagon Policy Not Legal

Judge Eugene Nickerson of the Eastern District of New York ruled that the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays is unconstitutional and serves solely to cater to the biases of many heterosexuals. Gay rights activists applauded the decision, hoping that this case will be the one that will ultimately place the Clinton administration's policy before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Kuehl Rules

Sheila Kuehl, Speaker Pro Tem of the California State Assembly, has been elected to serve on the Harvard University Board of Overseers. Kuehl is a 1978 Harvard Law School graduate and the first openly gay person ever elected to the school's governing board.

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Pat Robertson Sues to Overturn Domestic Partner Law

The Virginia-based American Center for Law and Justice, Pat Robertson's legal advocacy group founded to aggressively promote the Christian Right agenda, filed a lawsuit challenging San Francisco's domestic partners benefit law. The lawsuit is the second to be filed. In June, the American Air Transport Association filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court, arguing that the national air transportation system is governed exclusively by federal law. - Bay Area Reporter

United Facing Boycott

Fed up with United Airlines and its apparent about-face regarding San Francisco's new domestic partner law, the S.F. Board of Supervisor's unanimously supported a measure that would prevent city employees from flying United on business unless no other alternative is available. - PGN

Mark Harrington - Genius

AIDS activist Mark Harrington was awarded a MacArthur Fellowship "Genius Award" a five-year, no-strings-attached grant which "means to honor creative people everywhere," said MacArthur Foundation president Adele Simmons. Harrington received $240,000 for his work as "a writer, researcher, and activist who has not only advanced our knowledge of AIDS treatments but has also inspired new understandings in the roles that ordinary citizens can play in facilitating scientific work." - Bay Area Reporter

First Woman Chief for AMA

Dr. Nancy W. Dickey, a family practitioner from Texas, will be the first woman to preside over the 150-year-old American Medical Association. She ran unopposed and was elected by acclamation by the nation's largest organization of doctors, about 11 percent of whom are women. About 20 percent of U.S. doctors are women. Four of the AMA's 20 trustees are women. - Associated Press

UC Domestic Partners

A proposal to grant benefits to same-sex partners in the University of California system will be considered at the July meeting of the UC Board of Regents, a proposal supported by UC President Richard Atkinson and a majority of UC chancellors. Ward Connerly, the regent who led the fight against affirmative action, also supports the same-sex benefits policy. -- Davis Enterprise

Lambda Challenges IRS

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund demanded that the IRS withdraw its anti-gay response for nonprofit tax status by the Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Support System. The IRS had sent a letter to the group saying, "Please describe in detail the procedures and safeguards in place to assure that counsellors (*sic*) and participants do not encourage or facilitate homosexual practices or encourage the development of homosexual attitudes and propensities by minor individuals attending your programs."

Court Orders INS to Reconsider Lesbian Case

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco rejected the Immigration and Naturalization Services' claim that a Russian lesbian was not eligible for asylum because the Russian government was attempting to force her to undergo psychiatric treatment for her homosexuality. The court ordered the INS to reconsider the case. - Associated Press

Colorado Governor's Veto

Roy Romer, Colorado governor, for the second year in a row has vetoed a bill seeking to explicitly ban same-sex couples from obtaining marriage licenses, saying it was just an attempt to "exclude and stigmatize" gays. "We do not need this bill to protect marriage in Colorado. The only real effect of this bill is to target gay and lesbian people ..." - Washington Blade

The Women in Barney's Windows

Trendy Barney department store in New York celebrated Gay Pride Week with an homage-to-lesbians window. A tableau includes figures of Ellen DeGeneres and Anne Heche (star of "Volcano") popping out of a volcano, while DeGeneres reads a newspaper account of Walt Disney getting shunned by Southern Baptists. Lying on the floor are bits of debris from the "volcano," some marked with the names of prominent lesbians. Eleanor Roosevelt's name is on one of the pieces. In the background above is Oprah Winfrey flying in an airplane with the words "I am not gay!" trailing in the sky. -- San Francisco Chronicle

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Alyson Publications, leader in G/L publishing, is seeking submissions for G/L fiction, travel stories, and erotic nonfiction. Anthology guidelines, Dept NP, Alyson Publications, 6922 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 100, L.A., CA 90028. Deadline 9/1/97.

Homophobia Alive and Well

A celebrated painting by Bay Area artist Frank Pietronigro, which was created in honor of the 1993 National March on Washington for GLB Equal Rights, was recently defaced while in exhibition in the Lurie Company's Atrium Gallery in downtown San Francisco. Pietronigro requested that the painting remain on exhibition, as defaced, in order to educate the public to the fact that homophobia is alive and well in the City.

STDs Among Lesbians

Two recent studies have found that women may be able to transmit sexually transmitted diseases from other women, but not many women are practicing safer sex with their female partners. These studies appear in the *Journal of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association*. - Washington Blade

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PFLAG Awarded

Parents, Families and Friends of Gays and Lesbians (PFLAG) has been named as the recipient of the 1997 Human Rights Award presented by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. The award will be presented on July 20 in Sydney, Australia during the MCC general conference.

Elizabeth Birch to Speak at Conference

The 18th Annual Family Conference of the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International and Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere will be held in Philadelphia, PA, July 24-27. Elizabeth Birch, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign, will be a keynote speaker at the event. Info, (202) 583-8029.

Gay Dad Wins Battle

An Ohio state appeals court declared that a gay father should not have lost custody of his son, ruling that sexual orientation has no significance in child custody decisions. In 1995, Herbert Inscoe's son was removed from his home because he is openly gay. With the intervention of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the court of appeals restored custody. "This ruling...encourages courts to focus on a child's needs and evidence about the child's well being, not on homophobic conjecture," said Beatrice Dohrn, Lambda's legal director.

Executive Director Arrives from London

After a two-year international search, Teddy V.H. Witherington has been chosen as the first executive director of the San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Celebration Committee, Inc. He is currently the festival director of London's Pride Trust, which puts on that city's annual gay pride event every June. - Bay Area Reporter

Emory University President Chastised

Emory University (Atlanta, GA) President William M. Chace's stance on offering a school chapel for a gay wedding has promoted a visit by a United Methodist bishop to review the church's position on same-sex marriages. - PGN

Two States Ban Anti-Gay Bias in Schools

Connecticut and Rhode Island recently approved policies that prohibit anti-gay bias in all public schools. Massachusetts has banned anti-gay discrimination in its public schools since 1993. - Washington Blade

Vermont Lawmaker Comes Out

Vermont State Rep. Steve Howard (D-Rutland) came out on May 3, joining State Rep. Bill Lippert and State Auditor Ed Flanagan as the only openly gay officials in the state.

Connecticut Rep. Comes Out

State Rep. Evelyn Mantilla used the annual gay pride event to announce she is bisexual, and then proposed marriage to her companion, Babette Vincent, who accepted the proposal. "The number of openly gay legislators just doubled," quipped Rep. Art Feltman, who is gay.

New Cyberplace

Click on www.gay.net to reach Gay.Net, the new cyberhome for gays, founded by Andy Cramer, which features 31 North American newspapers and magazines, as well as 31 international publications. A 30-day free trial is offered, and $9.95/month thereafter.

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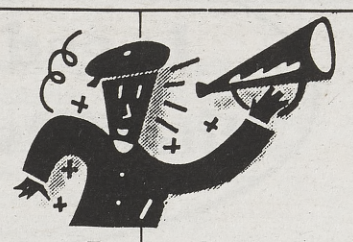

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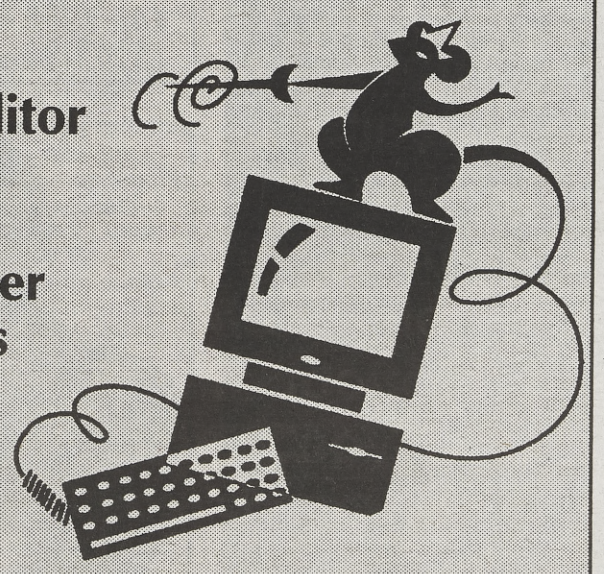

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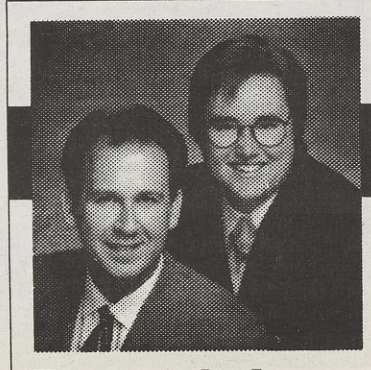

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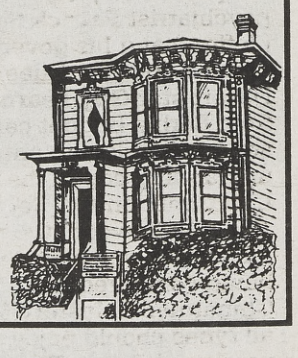

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Film▼▼▼

If you are one of the many who lust after actor **Brendan Fraser** wait until you see his sinewy new frame in the title role of George of the Jungle, opening July 18. This live action version of the 60s cartoon series features the usual lord of the jungle and damsel in distress theme combined with a wacky sense of humor. **Leslie Man** plays Ursula who is rescued by George and chooses him over snobby socialite Lyle, played by **Thomas Haden Church** (Wings). The familiar drum-beat theme song has been re-recorded by the Seattle based group **The Presidents of the United States.** *(Weren't they touring with that opening act called nite Water?).* If you haven't already seen the latest issue of Premiere, magazine check out **Fraser's** photo spread featuring him barely clothed, as Greek legends such as Adonis, Poseidon and Mercury. ▼▼▼

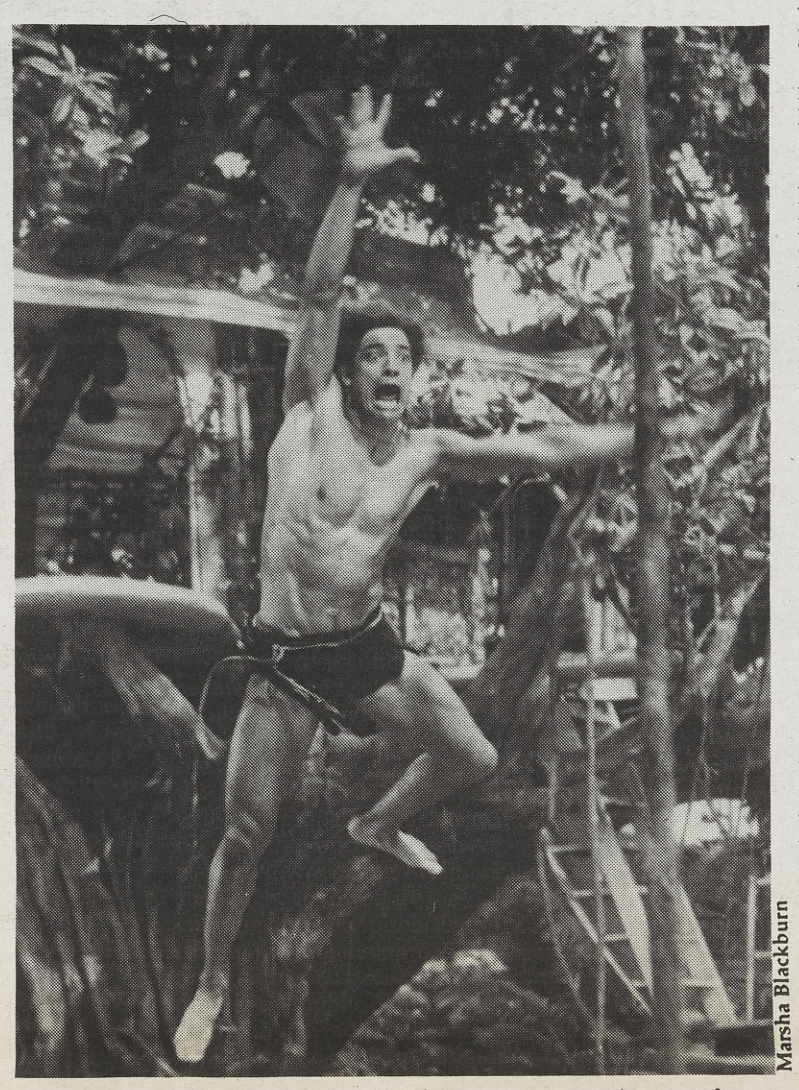
In the July issue of Movieline magazine, an article asks members of the film industry what they would add back into their films if they had the chance to do so for the new DVD format. **James. L. Brooks** answered"There was a scene in Broadcast News where **William Hurt's** character has a Gay admirer. It was one subplot more than I could carry. Losing that scene hurt me." ▼▼▼

Multi-release, seems to be the secret for mega-star status. **Nicholas Cage** currently appears in both Face Off and Con Air. **James Woods** has Hercules and Contact and **George Clooney** stars in Batman & Robin **and** The Peacemaker opening this Fall. **Julia Roberts** second Summer release, Conspiracy Theory., opens July 25th . Roberts plays a Justice Department attorney who is obsessivley adored by a paranoid New York cab driver played by **Mel Gibson.** Discovering that one of his conspiracy theories is actually true, he struggles to convince Roberts, about the reality of a plot to assasinate the president. The resulting action takes place when they are pursued by CIA psychiatrist **Patrick Stewart** (Jeffrey) and his government cronies.Priscilla, Queen of the Desert star **Guy Pearce** goes from Barbie budget camper to squad car, playing an upstanding cop in the film L.A. Confidential. Set in the 1950s Hollywood, the film has a beautiful visual style and is being compared to Chinatown. Mystery fans of all types should enjoy, this film version of James Ellroy's novel. **Russell Crowe** (The Sum of Us) plays a hot-headed cop with a racist partner, **Danny DeVito** is the editor of a gossip magazine and **Kim Basinger** brings glamour to the part of a Veronica Lake look-a-like call girl. In one scene, an L.A. District Attorney is caught in bed with a pretty boy hustler with unfortunate results. *Is this how Simon Rex got on MTV?* ▼▼▼

A couple of **San Francisco International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival** entries are, set for release in the weeks ahead. Director Tony Vitale's Kiss Me Guido looks at cross-over of cultures from the eyes of 26-year-old pizza boy named Frank. After Frank discovers his girlfriend making it with his brother, he chooses a new life direction to become an actor. His quest takes him out of the Bronx where he discovers a new world south of 14th Street called Greenwich Village. The other opening is Late Bloomers from director **Julia Dyer.** This a romantic comedy of a different kind in which ordinary people are confronted by extraordinary love. Set in the South, 40-something secretary Carly, leaves her husband for Dinah, the lonely girls' basketball coach. *Now how many points is that score worth.* A sequel, of sorts, to 'The Fugitive' is in the works. The project, called 'U.S. Marshals' will star **Wesley Snipes** (Too Wong Foo ...), **Robert Downey Jr.** (Home For The Holidays), **Kate Nelligan** and **Tommy Lee Jones** reprising his role from the Fugitive. ▼▼▼

British actor **Stephen Fry** (Peter's Friends) who plays **Oscar Wilde** in the upcoming bio-film Wilde, is actually a member of London's Oscar Wilde Society. ▼▼▼

All In The Family creator **Norman Lear** is the producer of a quirky new comedy film called The Thing- In Bob's Garage. The movie is set in a small town brought into the news by a series of bizarre events such as a heavenly visitation, an exorcism and a Gay wedding ceremony. *Are they sure this isn't a leftover script from* **Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman?** The beautiful **Jude Law,** whose fame rose to the occasion with a show-stopping nude scene in Broadway's Indiscretion, has been cast as a hustler in Clint Eastwood's film version of Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil. ▼▼▼



Marsha Blackburn

Brendan Fraser swings onto the big screen starring as the irresistibly charming George.

The frustrated Gay father in Priest, **Linus Roache,** will play the English journalist in the movie version of Henry James' The Wings of the Dove. **Helena Bonham** Carter and Alison Elliott co-star.▼▼▼

TriStar Pictures is hyped by a proposal from **Rupert Everett** for a film called P.S., I Love You. Everett would star and co-write the story about a Gay Secret Service Agent. *How about a better title, something like* Thunderballs.▼▼▼

Rupert plays a junkie opposite actress Asia Argento in the film Monkey. Based **on Andrew Davies** novel, Davies was also hired to write the script with **Michael Thomas.** ▼▼▼

The remake of Godzilia from **Roland Emmerich** and **Dean Devlin** is aiming for a Summer 98 release. The duo are certainly no strangers to blockbusters, having previously worked together on Stargate and Independence Day, bring a certain guarantee to this project. Cast member **Matthew Broderick** is a biologist who tracks the monster, **Jean Reno** (The Professional) portrays an insurance agent investigating the wreckage left by the giant lizard, **Harry Shearer** (This Is Spinal Tap) has the role of a naïve reporter **and Hank Azaria** (The Birdcage,) plays a cameraman named Animal. a The movie is about marijuana growers and claims it explores a seldom seen branch of drug users. *You mean the side of druggies where they have great memories and donate all their ill-gotten gains to needy causes?* ▼▼▼

Talkin about druggies, Austin Powers star and Saturday Night Live comedian **Mike Myers** plays Disco impresario **Steve Rubel** in the movie 54. Mark Christopher directs this Miramax project centered at Rubel's famous club **Studio 54** to tell the story of it's founder and the decadent 70s. *But , can they get Bianca and Liza to play themselves?* ▼▼▼

Television ▼▼▼

The new Showtime series The Hunger debuts July 20th. Based on the erotic film of the same name which starred **David Bowie** and **Catherine Denueve,** the series will continue it's sensual tone and feature scenes of woman to woman lust. ▼▼▼

Production is about to begin on the sequel to Tales of The City for broadcast on Showtime next Spring. Based on the popular books by **Armistead Maupin,** the miniseries is co-produced by Canada's Telescene, the U.K. Channel 4 and Showtime. Many of the actors from the first version have agreed to reprise their roles.▼▼▼

Miscellaneous▼▼▼

Following in the footsteps of **Paul Reiser** and **Tim Allen,** Kids In The Hall alumnus **Scott Thompson** is working on his own book. This is not his life story but The Autobiography of Buddy Cole, the raging queen bar-fly he portrayed on the Kids' comedy series. If you are among the three people in America lamenting the end of **Roseanne's** series on ABC take heart. The September issue of Mode magazine will feature an interview Rosie did with designer **Isaac Mizrahi.** A later edition will include an interview the comedian conducted with **Todd Oldham.**▼▼▼

The 1997 Edition of the **International Ms. Leather** contest takes place in San Diego July 18 - 20. A few days later, the city's own Pride celebration takes place July 25 - 27. ▼▼▼

Aspiring or accomplished actors take note, Sacramento's Lambda Players is prepping for it's production of Jeffrey with auditions on July 21 & 22.▼▼▼

San Francisco's Roxie Theatre will screen Cheryl Dunye's controversial film The Watermelon Woman on July 25th. The independent feature tells the story of a black lesbian, portrayed by Dunye, who struggles to make a documentary about a glamorous 1930's movie actress. And last but not least, if you're planning your vacation, please choose Disneyland or Disneyworld, go see Hercules 10 times and open a charge card at the Disney Store. Do everything you can to support this company as the ignorance of homophobic, Baptists storms Sleeping Beauty's castle. ▼▼▼

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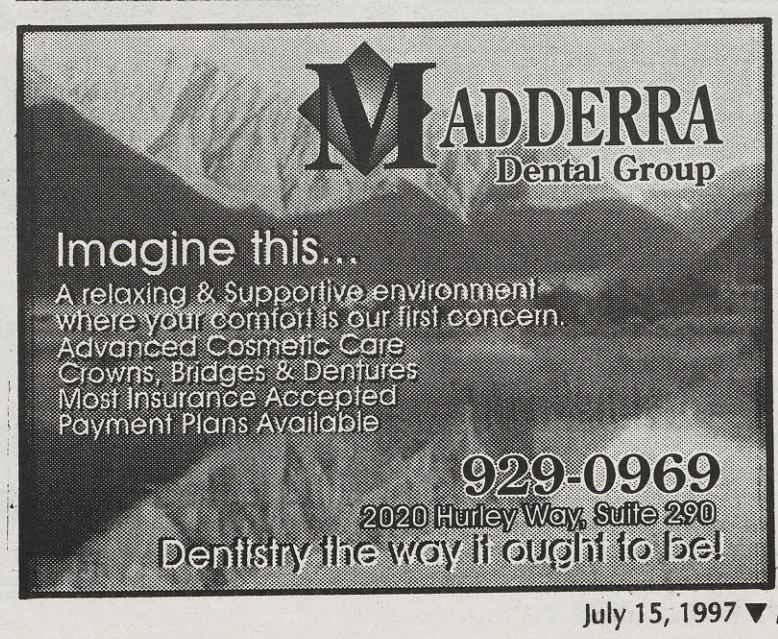

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By Diana L. Coats
MGW/Staff

I've been rolfed (read pummeled) and massaged and tractioned and stuck with needles. I've sat up and laid down. Knees up, knees down. Pillows under and over and behind. Let's just say that I'm one of the 80% of Americans who suffer from some sort of back pain. So, this makes me, and probably you, the perfect customers for Arland and Lydia Inghram's, "Relax Your Back Store".

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The answer to your pain and discomfort may not always be obvious, and that is where the Inghrams can help. Arland likes to call their store the, "adult self-help toy store". He also has a free video available for use by governmental agencies whose officers are required to meet ergonomic safety standards. The video helps the officers redesign office areas to minimize injuries caused by repetitive motion.

Number-one sellers at the "Relax Your Back Store" are the home recliners. Not only do they give much needed lumbar support, but some models offer shiatsu massage, soothing vibration and stereo sound. And now there is an outdoor recliner gaining popularity with clients who want to be as comfortable on their patio as they've become in their living rooms.

Right on the heels of home recliner sales are sleeping aids and a variety of products that are ergonomically designed for office comfort. They also carry a variety of pillows and other back support items as well as compact discs and tapes. They have a little bit of everything to make life more comfortable and enjoyable. And if you're shopping for a unique gift that the will be appreciated by the recipient, consider the large selection of massage equipment and vibrators. Something for everyone can be found at "Relax Your Back Store".

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Three Lesbians and a Baby

by Deborah Lattimore
MGW/Staff

Shannon McDonell-Bryant, six years old, has three moms. And, no, she will tell you, you do *not* have to have a dad; she has a sperm donor. Shannon lives with her birthmom Sharon McDonell and co-mom Marilynn Stephens, who are determined that the Davis Joint Unified School District understand and accept their family circle. Shannon is a second grader at Pioneer Elementary School in Davis.

Do you think your family situation is unique?

Sharon: I don't think we're that unique. We're probably more out than most people are. On school forms that ask, "Is there anything special to know about your child?" I write, "She has three moms and we'll be very active in the community." Marilynn and I have been very active. I have an amiable relationship with my ex (Marj), and she is very much a part of Shannon's life.

How do you explain the family relationships to Shannon?

Sharon: When Shannon was small, I helped start a lesbian mother's group in Sacramento, so she was quite familiar with kids who had two moms. I have always told her that Marj is her mother and I am her mother, her birth mom, "who borned her." (laughter) We always explained that she had a donor. We tried celebrating Donor Day, but it never has quite worked out well. We did talk about the fact that she wouldn't be here without there being someone who was willing to donate their sperm. Basically we didn't wait 'til she had the questions; we gave her the knowledge before she asked.

What are your professions aside from your activism in the school district?

Marilynn: I'm a teachers' aide for the severely handicapped in Yolo County. I graduated from Sac City College last semester, and I plan to go to Sac State and become a teacher for the severely handicapped. I also have my own business, Marilynn's Home Care, professional house cleaning.
Sharon: I have an MBA and I work at UCD as a program assistant at the Internship and Career Center. My plan is to be an activist.

How have Shannon's classmates responded to her family situation?

Marilynn: Occasionally the kids tease her about having three moms and no dad. They say, "You have to have a dad." So we've taught her, for self-defense, to say, "I have a donor, a sperm donor." That pacifies the situation.

I think it's important to educate children from kindergarten through elementary school to be gay-friendly, to understand that we are normal, loving, caring people. Maybe by educating them in the classroom at the elementary level, by the time they get to junior high some of the prejudices will be gone. Hopefully teen suicide among gay students will be reduced.

Shannon, what do you say when kids ask you about a donor?

Shannon: I say I have a donor. They ask me what that is and I say it's someone who gives sperm. Then they say, "What's sperm?" And I say, "It's an egg."
Sharon: Not quite. An egg is what the woman has. A sperm is what a man has.
Shannon: That's what I say, though.
Sharon: We'll work on that--an anatomy lesson. (laughter)

What has Shannon's experiences been like with her teachers and principal at Pioneer Elementary?

Sharon: Shannon has had very positive teachers. In kindergarten, they helped Shannon make three gifts for Mothers Day and three gifts for us at Christmas.

At Pioneer, you can give a book to the class in honor of a student's birthday. For Shannon's birthday we gave *Asha's Mums*, a book about having two lesbian mothers. The teacher was fine with it, but the principal was concerned that it portrayed a negative view of teachers. She has by no means showed any prejudice to us except for not wanting the book in the classroom, but that's more a result of being afraid of what the parents in the community will say. She's trying to make it a non-issue.

MGW/Diana Coats

Marilynn Stephens, Shannon McDonell-Bryant, and Sharon McDonell . . . definitely a very happy family.

Marilynn: And I'm trying to make it an issue.
Sharon: Marilynn is not trying; she's determined.

What resources are available for teachers to be educated?

Marilyn: There's a very good film called "My Two Moms are Named Judy." I took the film to Pioneer's Human Relations Committee and asked the principal to allow the teachers to see it. The teachers need to be educated to help kids overcome their prejudice of gays and lesbians, and hopefully the kids won't be calling other kids "fags" and "queers." It's a ten-minute film which comes with teaching curricula. Fifteen teachers out of thirty wanted to see the film. The principal agreed that the teachers could see it, but time would not allow any questions to be asked. Later some teachers told me they liked the film but had questions that needed to be answered.

I thanked the principal for at least showing the film, mentioned I was sorry there was no time for questions, but said there are teachers in San Francisco who are willing to help our teachers understand gay and lesbianism. There are not too many local teachers who are out to their district, even in Davis.
Sharon: I don't know any "out" teachers at elementary level. We know those who are "out" to their principals, but not to the public.

The principal said we could find someone locally who could talk to our teachers. But that means you have to find someone who is a teacher, gay or lesbian, and actually "out" in their classroom. Outside of San Francisco, I don't know where you can find anybody. I'm not sure our principal wants to be the first district outside the Bay Area to do this.
Marilynn: Over the summer I'm going to contact teachers in San Francisco and see what I can come up with, and eventually go to the district with this, too. My goal is to educate the teachers and get this into the classroom somehow.

How are you involved within the school system and community?

Sharon: I am on the Pioneer Elementary Site Council, which has an equal number of teacher/staff and parent positions. The council is a local decision-making body. I'm also on the Education Specification/Renovation Committee, which makes decisions as to what all the schools in the Davis Joint Unified School District will look like. We determine how many classrooms each grammar school will have, what kind of classrooms, what the high school should look like.

Marilyn: At Pioneer I'm on the Human Relations Committee and First Vice President of the PTA.

Summarize what you are trying to achieve in the school system.

Marilynn: I want to educate teachers first, and then get gay and lesbian literature in the classroom so children will understand that it's okay to have two moms or two dads, or three, or whatever.
Sharon: My goal is to provide a place where Shannon can learn well and where she feels like her family is just as valuable as any other family. As she becomes older, it's going to be harder and harder to do that unless real discussion is held in the school.
Marilynn: Education is the only way, and you can't educate someone if you're in the closet. You have to be out there. You have to take the punches, take the good with the bad. The attitude of the teachers that I've talked to has all been positive. They say, "It's about time something has been brought up." Who better to do it than a lesbian or gay who has lived it or been there?

You have been guest speakers at PFLAG. Where else have you been visible?

Marilynn: As First Vice President of the PTA, I'm very visible.
Sharon: Shannon and I have spoken at numerous classes at UCD in human development classes. I have spoken at Sac City College.

What advice would you give other lesbian moms and gay dads who have children in the public school system?

Sharon: There's a big difference between coming out of a heterosexual marriage with older children, and kids who have always had a lesbian mother. There's a real difference in the ability to accept the coming-out process. When you're coming out, you can't shield them. Shannon never had to deal with that. Her perception is, "Of course I have three moms." It's a different reality. My basic belief in life is that you should always be honest and up front.

If a woman is going to have a child and she's starting from scratch, then I'd say the fear is not worth it. Be honest and open with your child. It's one of the best gifts you can give a child. If you live in a place where you fear for your life, don't live there.

What can we do to get involved and help change the school district?

Marilynn: I wish people felt safer to come out. Why do people have to hide? Teachers and parents shouldn't have to hide. We should be able to come out and say, "I am here if you need advice. Come and talk to me." We have gay children in our schools. Where are they supposed to go for support if the teachers can't come out?
Sharon: Lesbians and gays need to be a force for change in the school districts and demand that teachers be informed about gay rights and the diversity of gay families. Get on the Human Relations Committee, get on the Site Councils, or whatever it takes so that people listen to us. The Board of Education listens to parents who are active in their school district. Get involved. Otherwise we just educate one person at a time.
Marilynn: If there's any support out there, give it!

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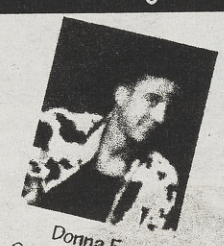
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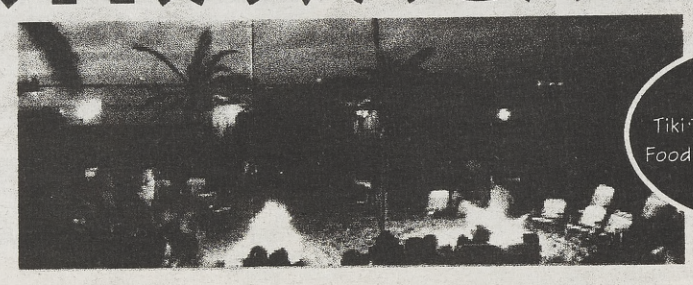

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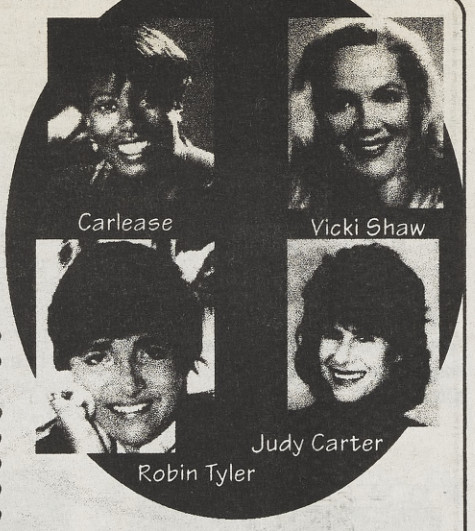
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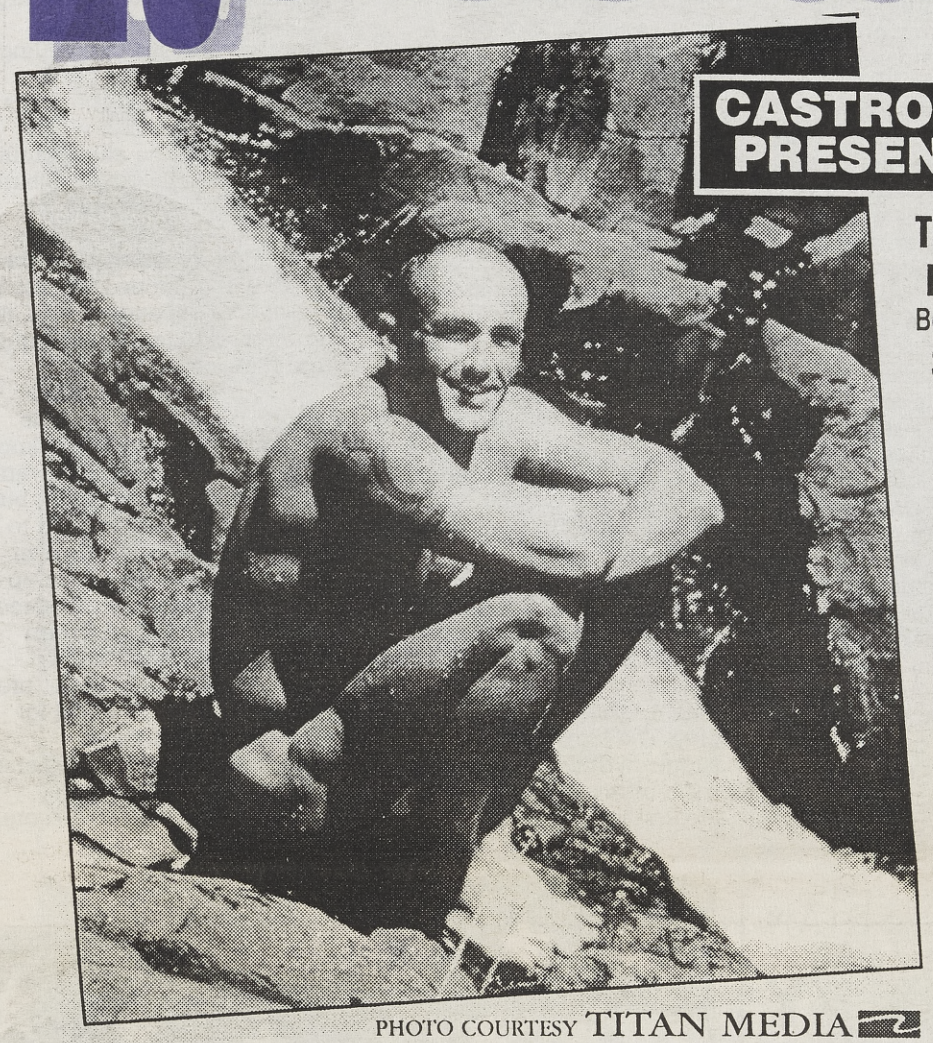

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Contact. Starring Jodie Foster, Matthew McConaughey, James Woods, John Hurt. Directed by Robert Zemeckis. (150 min.)

With the NASA Pathfinder landing on Mars July 4th and recent news accounts of glowing orbs invading Arizona, many people are naturally thinking about possibilities of contact with "little green men" again. Happily for us, this summer's "E.T." movie is the intelligent Contact—a vast improvement over last summer's inane Independence Day.

Without major flaws, but at least its source is a little more literary than last year's nonsense. Contact is based on the Pulizer Prize-winning novel of the same name by Carl Sagan. And then there's Jodie Foster, always a fine actress to watch.

On the surface, Contact explores a scientifically feasible account of how Earth might first receive an intelligent signal of extraterrestrial origin. Aside from the various scientists vying for the limelight are the near-hysterical public and national security-focused governmental forces.

As might be expected, Sagan's sweeping novel featuring multiple characters in several countries got pared down to a few leads in the United States. Unfortunately, a lot of "feel good" padding was inserted too. You know, those scenes depicting "tender moments of human nature." Ellie Arroway (Foster) plays the lead scientist who's been hooked on astronomy ever since she was a little girl. Her headstrong determination about continuing research on the search for extraterrestrial life almost jeopardizes her career as funding dries up. However, a friend she meets at the Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico, Palmer Joss (McConaughey), believes in her convictions, even if their means differ from one another. His are religious and hers are atheistic/scientific. Yet both search for the truth regarding humanity's greater purpose and origins.

When the message from space finally arrives, Ellie feels her efforts have been vindicated. She does her best to maintain control over the research and earn recognition for the discovery, despite the attempts of her elder colleague and former mentor David Drumlin (Tom Skerritt)—who's now the President's national science advisor—to usurp the media's attention from her.

At first, the message consists of prime numbers (a favorite scenario in sci-fi stories, which was even depicted in Sagan's own TV show, "Cosmos"), but upon further analysis, it reveals itself to contain some surprises, including plans to build a transportation device for one person to go to who-knows-where.

Whether Ellie gets chosen for the mission—out of many other eligible human representatives—is just one of the interesting plot twists that makes Contact as entertaining as it is.

Unfortunately, the Hollywood trappings ultimately weigh down the film's momentum. Ellie's supposed love for Joss lacks convincing chemistry, yet their moments together take center stage at times to the more compelling story that unfolds. Her relationship to him also eclipses the more promising connection she has with a blind colleague, Kent Clark (William Fichtner). Too bad, it seems, that Kent is too handicapped for Hollywood to treat as a real male lead.

The recurring theme of science versus religion, though potentially interesting, is only given superficial treatment here. It almost reaches the level of morality play. The film's premise suggests that the search for truth ultimately unites finding facts with having faith. But in Contact the subtext seems to imply that faith in God has something to do with being a decent human being. Not only is the power of organized religion evident in this film, but its influence on rational people is almost disturbing.

Despite these shortcomings and even some large lapses in the plot's logic, Contact remains compelling and engaging. The best moments occur at the film's very beginning and when contact with the alien intelligence is finally made. Clearly, the people responsible for creating the special effects and imagery knew what they were doing. Indeed, for such an effects-dependent film, it's surprising to realize how quiet the film sometimes is.

At two-and-a-half hours, the film feels on the long side. It also doesn't know how to end; it seems to want to end about three times, but then it continues onward to its lame ending. After it's over, however, you won't gaze up at the stars in exactly the same way as before. Carl Sagan would have liked that.

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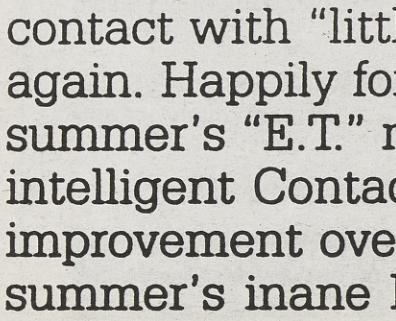
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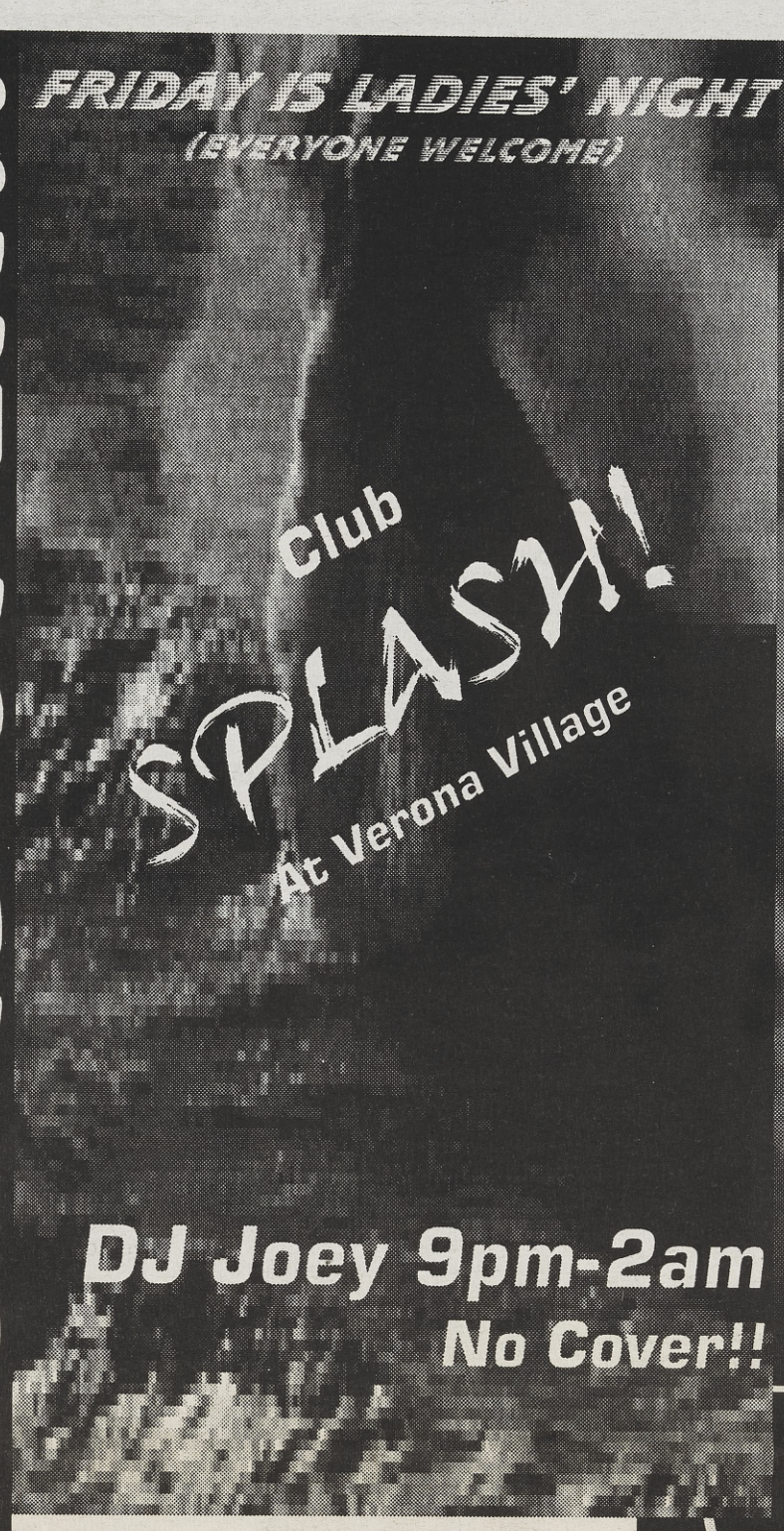

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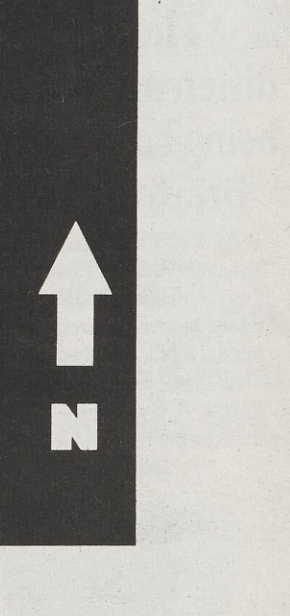

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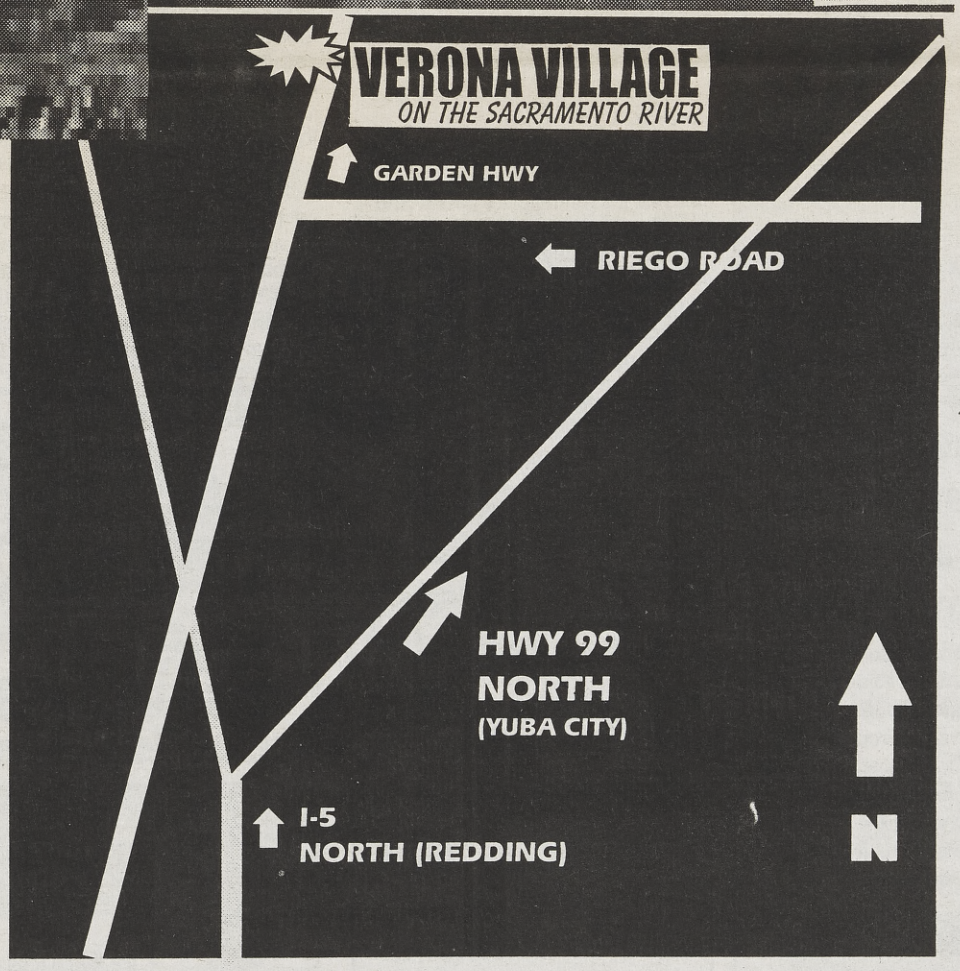

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Breaking up a relationship is difficult: Mediation can simplify the process

by Jeanlaurie Ainsworth
MGW Guest Writer

Mary and Susan have lived together for three years. They have had a wonderful caring relationship until two months ago. At that time, Mary became active in a support group which has as members two other lesbians that Susan detests. The group rotates its meetings from one member's house to another. Susan objects to the ideas promoted by these two and Mary agrees with those ideas. At this point, Mary comes home when Susan is at work to avoid confrontations Both people spend the majority of their time in separate rooms of the house when they have to be home at the same time. While Mary and Susan acknowledge the relationship is not working and that they need to go their separate ways, they are not quite sure how to do it. Mary and Susan purchased the house with the idea that there would be two incomes to pay the mortgage and bills. They purchased furniture together, and they opened banking and credit card accounts jointly. Mary gave Susan a puppy, Arnold, last year which they have both raised and loved.

At the end of a relationship, same sex couples such as Mary and Susan face many of the same problems heterosexual couples face. Couples often intertwining not only the social aspects of their lives, but also the financial. The process of untangling the property and related issues may be quite complex. The problem is made worst because the Family Law Code and related case law that guides heterosexual couples through the division of property and custody issues does not typically apply to same sex couples.

Common issues to be resolved during a dissolution of a partnership include disputes over real estate such as a house, disputes over personal property such as vehicles, furniture, art work or jewelry and custody or support arrangements. Couples often disagree about the initial ownership of property and whether it was given to the other party as a gift. During a relationship it is common to make oral agreements regarding support - such as if you sell your sofa then I will buy a new sofa that we both can use. Are those going to be enforceable?

In the situation of married couples, the property acquired (with some exceptions such as inheritance and income produced by separate property) during the marriage is community property unless there is an agreement to the contrary. As a result, both partners have an interest in the property as explained in the Family Code. This is not the true with same sex couples.

For same sex couples, there is no such thing as community property. Instead, the court will look at how the title to property is held in deciding ownership. The laws pertaining to partnership and business control the division of property held by same sex couples. These laws were designed to applied to people in a business relationship and who were dealing at a distance. They do not address issues of support, retirement and custody of children or pets. The drafters of these laws simply did not contemplate use in a relationship situation and did not take into account the emotional side of a break-up of a relationship.

Now, John and Richard who have been partners for five years, both decide the relationship is over and each want to go on with their lives separately. How is that going to happen if John disagree with his former partner Richard about who owns the sofa, whether Richard committed to support John while he was writing his best selling book, what the custody and visitation arrangements will be with the children, or who stays in the house. They have several options for resolving the dispute.

In one extreme, Richard can always rent a van and simply load up everything during the day when John is at work. In response John will probably call the police and report a robbery knowing it is likely that Richard would be arrested. These actions are likely to start a minor war between the parties and not the best way of resolving the issues.

On the other extreme, Richard can simply walk away from everything he owned including that treasured piece of artwork or family heirloom. This second option is likely to result in resentments that may fester for years and would definitely interfere with any custody or visitation arrangements as to children. Most people in Richard's position would not find this a satisfactory resolution.

The most frequently thought of process for resolving the issues is litigation. In the example of Susan and Mary, Susan can file a lawsuit for dissolution of the partnership and she can expect it to take a six months to two years to resolve the issues. Meanwhile she can not really go her separate way because it is likely that she will have property which is tied up until the court has resolved issues of ownership. Additionally, she will be involved in the ongoing and very public battle during the litigation process. If for example, Susan is a school teacher the public nature of litigation may add to the damage caused by the breakup with Mary. In litigation, Susan and Mary will both incur attorney's fees and costs. Also, they may not be satisfied when the judge ultimately decides that one person is right and one is wrong on each of the issues.

Another option is to agree to hire a third party to act as an arbitrator and have him or her decide the rights and obligation of each party or in other words who gets what property, who pays what bills and obligations a joint. During arbitration, Richard and John each present their side of the case to the arbitrator and the arbitrator will make a decision. Generally, the parties each have their own counsel to assist them in presenting their case. What happens if Richard needs information that John has to present his case will depend on the rules used by the arbitrator. Some arbitrators allow discovery (in other word that John produce the documents for Richard.) and some do not. During arbitration the decisions are made for the parties, and they will not have control over them. In binding arbitration, there are no rights to appeal so if you do not like the decision you are stuck with it.

Finally, parties can agree to mediate a joint resolution on the division of property, custody and visitation with children or pets after the dissolution of the partnership. What happens during the mediation will vary with the mediator you choose and the issues you have in dispute. In the examples give, Mary and Susan had issues of property ownership, custody of the dog and payment of bills. These issues will be discussed with the mediator in a confidential setting. The mediator may recommend that the parties get advice from attorneys or accountants regarding their legal rights or the tax impact of proposed solutions. Typically, a mediator will meet with the parties in two or three hour session and the process will generally take any where from one to six sessions depending on the nature of the disputes. The parties generally split the cost of a

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The Pied Piper — The Making Of A Hearing Dog

by Joan B. Guertin
The Final Chapter

It finally happened! The day came when I would have to say good-bye to Piper and leave him in the hands of the person who had waited patiently for him for two years. Just one month shy of his second birthday, Piper graduated as a certified 'Specialty Dog.' There were tears of joy and tears of sorrow. For Mrs. Smith it was a beginning. For me, a door closed leaving an empty spot in my heart. That was in March. Writing this in mid-June, I still miss Piper terribly. However, the calls from Mrs. Smith are rewarding and help soften the emptiness as she raves about Piper and his ability to 'do his job' and 'how wonderful her life is now with Piper 'on the job.'

During the final steps of the training process, the fear niggles; will he really be able to do the job? Was I really up to this task.. Of course, there is no way to tell until long after the process is completed. The last months of 1996 were busy ones with Piper. I originally was shooting for certification in November. Piper was just 18 months and seemed to be working with consistency on all of his signals. I had added the timer, microwave, and smoke alarm. With all of the signals except for the smoke alarm, Piper's job was to alert me by physically touching and then running to the source of the sound. That's were he would collect his reward. Because of the potential danger associated with a smoke alarm, the routine is slightly different. Since you don't want the hearing impaired person taken into danger, the dog was taught to alert and then drop into the down position directly in front, while maintaining eye contact. This is the signal for the individual to leave the house. Piper caught on quickly..

Then, just before we were scheduled to return to California in November, Piper pulled an adolescent stunt. He quit working consistently! It was that teenage, "Mom, I really don't feel like doing it today," attitude that I used to get from my son when he was somewhere between 14 and 16. Suddenly Piper was easily distracted by lint on the carpet, a crawling spider, or maybe even the desire to get a drink of water before letting me know the phone was ringing. It is enough to make you want to tear out your hair. However, the cardinal rule in training is, "Never get angry at the dog!" So, I called Beverly Sigafoos with Canine Support Teams, in California, vented my frustration and had her validate my theory that we had had a teenage lapse. Then, it was patiently back to the drawing board.

Photo by Joan B. Guertin
On a training jount, Piper checks out a "strange" inhabitant at Silver Dollar City

In the meantime, Mrs. Smith had called and informed me that she had lost her keys leaving work one evening and had to backtrack almost all the way back to work to find them. Would it be possible to teach Piper to alert her when she dropped things. Good, I needed something more exciting for Piper to do to help relieve the boredom of the regular routine. Although Corgi's are not the world's #1 retrieving dogs, fortunately, Piper discovered that finding things I had dropped was great sport and soon he was retrieving my key chain the minute I dropped it. Then we added other things, paper, gloves, money, you name it, Piper would quickly look back and pick it up and return it. It was an exciting new game that seemed to revitalize his interest in doing all of the tasks.

I had great fun training him out at Silver Dollar City, an Ozark theme park near Branson, MO, with lots of tourist traffic creating marvelous distractions.. Piper worked wonderfully in among the crowds. He tolerated children running up, petting or flinging their arms around him. Of course, he practiced his retrieval of dropped articles in the midst of distractions to the delight of those watching.

By the middle of December I knew that it was time to return Piper to California and begin the final stages of work with Mrs. Smith. Piper needed to transfer everything he did for me to the new home, making sure that he could do the tasks for her. After two weeks of intensive work with both of them, they were ready for the test. Canine Support Teams spent a day putting the two of them through their tasks in the home and in public. They came through with flying colors and Piper was officially certified. We would have been happy with him being a 'hearing dog,' but, due to his retrieving skills, he was granted the designation of 'specialty dog,' meaning that he worked for her in public as well as at home. The last hurdle was integrating him into the work place.

One of the problems encountered was with people in the workplace with allergies. We assured them that Mrs. Smith would bathe the dog weekly and use a dander spray daily so as not to cause additional problems. Others were concerned with her need for the dog at work. While he didn't actually work for her while at work, he did assist her in coming and going from the car to work. I tend to think that it was difficult for people to envision how well behaved a dog can be in comparison to their own dogs. Piper lies quietly under his desk while His mistress works. He stays in place when she goes to the copy machine or runs other errands of short duration. In public he relieves himself on command in inconspicuous places and Mrs. Smith picks up after him. In other words, he is no problem. It didn't take long for her co-workers to become accustomed to Piper's presence and to accept him without reservation.

In addition, he provides her with constant emotional support. I remember telling her that if she would watch her dog that he would tell her what was going on in her environment. One day she remembered that when she noticed Piper constantly looking to his left. She looked over her shoulder and sure enough, there was a gentleman walking behind her. Mrs. Smith couldn't wait to call and tell me that I had been right and that observing Pipers' behavior did, indeed help in letting her know what was taking place.

There is a wonderful lilt to her voice when Mrs. Smith calls now to brag on Pipers' accomplishments. He has learned more than I even thought of teaching him. One night the vegetable water was boiling away and Piper let them know. He is wise to the tea kettle and will alert as the boiling begins rather than waiting for it to whistle. There are so many ways that he keeps The Smiths entertained. He not only does his job, he is a cheerful little guy with a constant grin on his face. He has truly opened new dimensions for the Smiths. She is more confident, happier, and has greater purpose in her life. The next year will be one of discovery as the bonding continues. They will find more that Piper can do for them and Piper will amaze them by broadening his skills on his own.

My job finished.. I offer moral support now. I encourage them in reinforcing those skills that Piper doesn't get to work often, such as the smoke alarm. It was an intense two years for us all. Certainly an experience I will never forget. Piper is still in my heart, and though I miss him, I know that his destiny is this job and that makes the pain easier to bare.▼

Arbitrators

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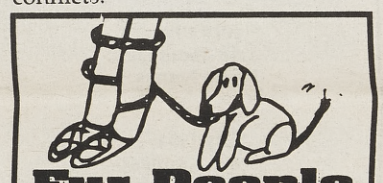
mediator which may range anywhere from $100 to $500 per hour.

Mediation is a voluntary process so both parties have to agree to participate. You as a consumer should be aware that anyone can call themselves a mediator. There is no licensing process. Like any other professional, you need to ask about the training and qualifications before you hire them. Make sure the person has training in mediation. If you are resolving legal issues make sure they are licensed to practice law in California and are familiar with business and partnership issues.

One beauty about mediating your dispute is that the process is confidential and the parties decide what constitutes a fair settlement. As a result. frequently the parties fashion unique solutions to address both parties needs in a way that would not happen through litigation or arbitration. In the examples given, Richard might agree to pay back John for the support he gave Richard while he was in school so that John could write his book or Mary and Susan might arrange that each person had the dog Arnold for a certain time of the week when they are off of work. In either case, the parties would decide who was going to pay outstanding bills, find interim solutions as to their living arrangements and discuss own owns what property.

If the parties can not resolve all the issues in mediation, they still have the other options open to them. Breaking up or ending a relationship is difficult and using mediation rather than litigation or arbitration may help minimize the conflicts.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by Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

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She's a princess...

Princess Diana of England, who first got rid of that two-timing prince, recently closed another chapter of the fairy tale by giving 79 of her glittering gowns to Christie's for auction. The dresses raised over $3 million for AIDS and cancer charities in the U.S. and the United Kingdom. Drag queens the world over went crazy for the offerings, say reports, but few folks will fit into the size 6 and 8 gowns. Most went to museums and collectors for display. Thanks, Di.

Hot weather tips...

Disease-causing bacteria grow rapidly on warm food. Cold foods need to be kept at less than 40 degrees, hot foods need to be kept at 140 degrees or more. Don't leave prepared food out (and don't eat food that's been sitting out) for more than an hour if it falls within the 40 - 140 degree range. Don't eat rare meat or fish — bacteria is killed at 160 degrees. Chicken needs to be cooked to 180 degrees. No raw oysters, suchi, or seafood of any type, please.

The thaw law — never defrost food at room temperature. Thaw it in the refrigerator, or in a plastic bag in ice water that is changed every 30 minutes, because bacteria will begin to grow on the outside before the inside thaws. Then cook immediately. Never marinate at room temperature.

Do not eat raw eggs. Do not re-heat eggs or foods with egg ingredients. Use egg substitutes for recipes that call for raw eggs.

Twenty seconds of washing can prevent the transfer of bacteria. Bacteria on hands, utensils, or countertops can be transferred to foods being cut. Be careful of already-cut melons or other perishable foods in store displays that may not be kept at a constant 40 degrees or less.

Photo-sensitivity is a side effect of Bactrim and Septra, tetracycline and some other antibiotics, ibuprofen and some other anti-inflammatory drugs. A blistering sunburn can result when on these medications. Wear SPF-15 (or higher) sunscreen year-round, applied a half-hour before you leave the house if possible, and reapplied when it washes off. Ask your physician about side effects of the meds you're using. Take care.

Timers make a come-back...

Some folks who take the protease inhibitors are finding help with "pill timers" — used extensively in the early days of AZT when the pills were taken at precise intervals. If you take protease inhibitors or other medications that cannot be skipped (and which don't need refrigeration), these portable pill cases might come in handy. They're available from Radio Shack and a few other outlets.

CARES moves up...

Congratulations to the Centers for AIDS Research, Education and Services (CARES) on its new building at 1500 - 21st Street (at O Street). Through the generosity of citizens and fellow health organizations in Sacramento, services for many of this city's HIV and AIDS clients will be delivered in the atmosphere of a state-of-the-art healthcare facility. CARES is now located just a block from the Sacramento AIDS Foundation's new building — putting a large number of the city's resources within easy reach of folks with HIV.

Doctors design new end-stage guides...

The American Medical Association, which does not support doctor-assisted suicide, has put forth new guidelines to ensure that every terminally-ill person is treated with dignity and compassion. Included among the AMA's suggestions are discussing end-of life care with patients, ensuring that doctors are skilled in managing pain, fatigue, and depression, and honoring a person's wishes "in accordance with the legally and ethically established rights of patients." Several Supreme Court justices recently issued opinions that doctors can take aggressive steps to relieve the pain of terminally ill patients, including providing increasingly potent drugs, even if the treatment speeds up the dying process (high amounts of certain pain relievers gently and dramatically slow down the breathing process).

Needle exchange notes...

*Under a new city-funded HIV prevention program, clean needles are being distributed to injection drug users in Washington, D.C. The $200,000 program will use a mobile unit crew to serve about 1,600 drug addicts.

*New Hampshire has given the green light to a new two-year needle-exchange program, set to begin January 1, 1998.

*The U.S. Conference of Mayors ended its June meeting with a call to lift restrictions imposed on the use of federal funds for needle-exchange programs. The resolution was co-sponsored by San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown and Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan.

Foscavir gets combination approval...

Foscavir (foscarnet sodium) has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in combination with Cytovene (intravenous ganciclovir) for the treatment of recurrent AIDS-related cytomegalovirus (CMV) retinitis. The drug may also be used as mono-therapy (one drug only) for CMV retinitis, and for treating acyclovir-resistant mucocutaneous herpes simplex virus infections in people with suppressed immune systems.

KS drug gets FDA go-ahead...

An FDA advisory panel is recommending approval for Bristol-Myers Squibb's Taxol as a treatment for Kaposi's Sarcoma. The drug is now approved to treat breast and ovarian cancer. (An "advisory panel" recommendation ordinarily leads to approved.)

Adopters oppose immunization...

U.S. parents who adopt infants and children from overseas are concerned about a new immigration rule that requires those children to be vaccinated in their home countries before being admitted to the United States. Of particular concern to the adoptive parents is the use of substandard vaccines or vaccination procedures (such as using the same syringe over and over in poorer countries) which might cause medical problems, including exposing the children to the risk of infection with hepatitis B and C viruses or HIV. Congressional sponsors of the new law say the negative reaction from so many parents took them by surprise.

AIDS spreads faster in prisons...

The United Nations is concerned about rising HIV infection in the world's prisons. "This should be a source of the utmost concern not only for prisoners and prison staff, but also for society in general," they say. In France, for example, the rate of infection in prisons is about 10 times that of the rest of the country. The rapid spread is attributed to unprotected sex, rape, drug and needle misuse, blood brotherhood, and the lack of education and proper medical care. To help stem the spread of HIV, the U.N. officials suggest, among other things, that condoms and lubricants be made available to prisoners.

Day care centers sued...

Three day-care centers in one Wisconsin city are being sued by the U.S. Attorney's office for allegedly refusing to enroll a four-year old boy who is HIV-positive. They say the centers violated rights the boy is entitled to under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The three day care centers deny any wrongdoing.

Even gloves have side effects...

Since the late 1980s, when the U.S. government required health care workers to protect themselves from the transmission of HIV, use of latex gloves has continued to rise. However, there has been also been an increase in the number of latex allergy suits for unreimbursed medical expenses and lost wages. The claimants, mostly doctors and nurses, say manufacturers failed to warn them about possible reactions, even though studies from the early 1980s showed latex to be a potential hazard. The glove makers say that, while their gloves may hurt some health care workers, they also have been effective in preventing the transmission of infectious diseases.

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It is my desire to start an open dialogue with our community. Let us know what you want to see done ... and how we can change or improve those things we are presently doing. I am soliciting letters, e-mail or simple conversation on these topics. It's our community ... and our future. Let's grow into that future together.

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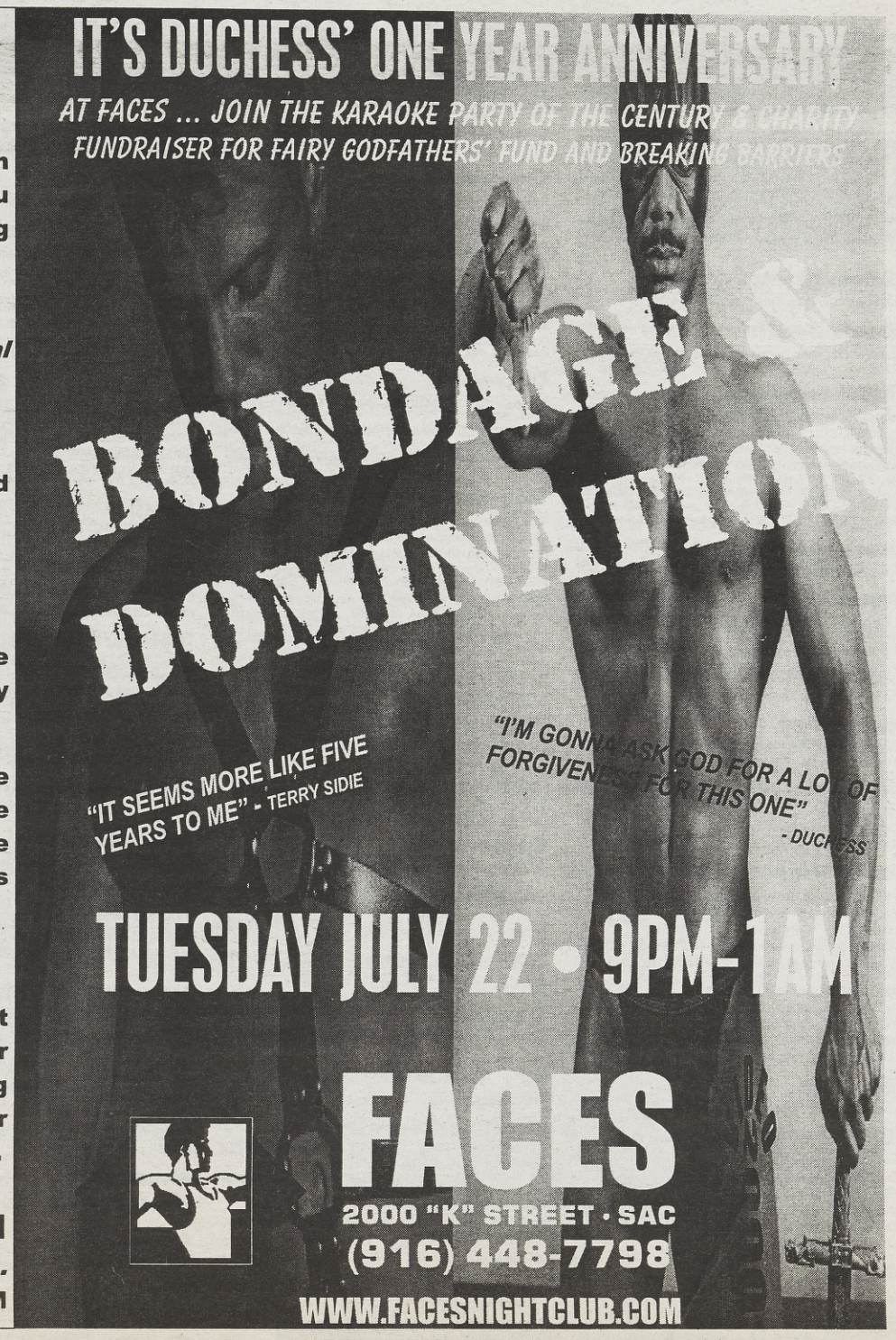
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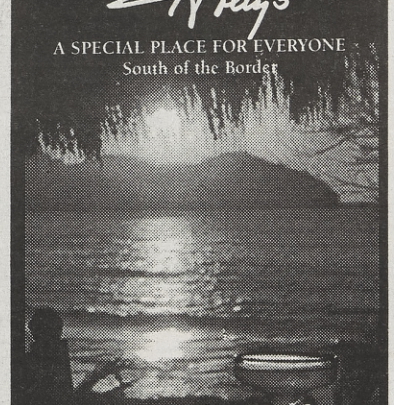
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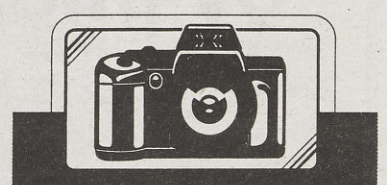

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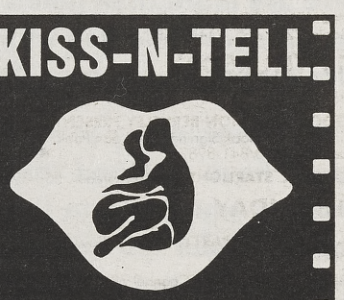

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JULY

15 TUESDAY

A CELEBRATION OF GAY MEANING, 8pm, Josie's Cabaret 3583 - 16th St., S.F.,

FACES PRESENTS: Witness The Carnage Video Karaoke W/Duchess, 448-7798

OTTMAR LIEBERT & LUNA NEGRA XL, Radisson Hotel, 922-2020

MONARCHS GAME, 7pm, Vs. Los Angeles Sparks, Arco Arena

PFLAG MEETING, "Who's Afraid Of Project Ten", 7:30pm, St. Mark's Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way, 771-3800

SOLONO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE, 7:30pm, Fairfield, 707/449-0847

16 WEDNESDAY

ALZHEIMERS ASSOC. ART EXHIBIT, 482-8290

LGBA BBQ, 863-9733

REAL WORLD PREMIERE, 10pm, Featuring a Lipstick Lesbian, MTV

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS, McKinley Park, 6:30pm, 974-8199

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 7pm, Lioness Books 2224 J St., 944-DYKE

17 THURSDAY

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 73, 10pm

GOOD VIBRATION BERKELEY PRESENTS: 8pm, I am My Lover Book Signing, 2504 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, 510/841-8987

OLD SAC STARLIGHT MOVIE: Grease, 558-3912

18 FRIDAY

A FLASHLIGHT PARTY, 9pm, Mr. Bolt, 2560 Boxwood, 649-8420

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 73, 4pm

CAL. WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL, 18 - 20, Grass Valley, 891-4081

EPPIES GREAT RACE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, 875-6640

MONARCHS GAME, 6pm, Vs. Houston Comets, Arco Arena

OPEN BOOK PRESENTS: 7pm, Scott O'Hara Book Signing, 498-1004

THRIVING WOMEN'S RALLY AT EDGEWATER RESORT, 18 - 20, 6420 Soda Bay, Kelseyville, 707/279-0208

VERONA VILLAGE PRESENTS: Ladies Night, 9pm-2am, with DJ Joey, 448-7798

19 SATURDAY

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 73, 10am

CAPITAL CUISINE, 11am - 8pm, Crocker Park, 3 & N St., 552-5252 Cat. 4887

DUCAL BALL '97, 6pm, Lone Oak Hall, 2001 S. Santa Cruz Ave., Modesto, 209/529-8780

EPPIE'S GREAT RACE XXIV, 875-6640

GSAC, Gen. Meeting, 331-3602

HAVDALLAH & RECEPTION, 8pm, Castro Theatre, 415/861-6932

HARVEST CENTURY BIKE TOUR, Healdsburg. 800/648-9922

OPEN BOOK PRESENTS: 7pm, Orland Outland Book Signing, 498-1004

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT POKER RUNAT EDGEWATER RESORT, Lakeport Chamber of Commerce, 6420 Soda Bay, Kelseyville, 707/279-0208

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS, Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199

20 SUNDAY

ASIAN PACIFIC SISTERHOOD MEETING, 753-6093

FACES PRESENTS: 5-8pm, Coast to Coast Karaoke Challenge, 448-7798

IMPERIAL SUNDAY GIRLS & MR GAY SAC, 9pm, The Brave Bull 701 S. 9th St., Modesto, 209/529-9786

OPEN BOOK PRESENTS: 7:30pm, Gwen McMillin, 498-1004

SAC CENTRAL LIBRARY ANNIVERSARY PARTY, 1 - 4pm, 828 I St., 264-2770

21 MONDAY

AUDITIONS FOR JEFFREY, Lambda Players, 491-1062

CARES MONDAY SUPPORT GROUP, 448-2437

KARAOKE NIGHT, 9pm - 1am, The Mirage, 15 & F St., 444-3238

MONARCHS GAME, 5:30pm, Vs. Phoenix Mercury, Arco Arena

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS, CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199

SAC. WOMEN'S CHORUS, 6:30pm, 424-4411

WITTER RANCH SUMMER DAY CAMP, 21 - 25, 875-6651

22 TUESDAY

FACES PRESENTS: Bondage & Domination Fundraiser for Breaking Barriers, 448-7798

FACES PRESENTS:, Witness The Carnage Video Karaoke W/Duchess, 448-7798

GOOD VIBRATIONS S.F. PRESENTS:8pm, Celebrating Spectator, 1210 Valencia at 23rd, S.F., 415/974-8980

SOLONO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE, 7:30pm, Fairfield, 707/449-0847

23 WEDNESDAY

FERRON LIVE, 8pm, The Palms In Davis, 756-9901

GOOD VIBRATIONS S.F. PRESENTS: 8pm, I Am My Lover Book Signing, 1210 Valencia at 23rd, S.F., 415/974-8980

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS, McKinley Park, 6:30pm, 974-8199

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 7pm, Lioness Books 2224 J St., 944-DYKE

24 THURSDAY

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 73, 10pm

OLD SAC STARLIGHT MOVIE, Brady Bunch Movie, 558-3912

SAC. PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING, 3:30pm, 700 H St., First Floor, 264-2770

25 FRIDAY

CAMP SUNBURST, 11:30am - 1:30pm, Fior D'Italia Restaurant 601 Union St., S.F., 457-6212

CHRISTOPHER STREET DEMOCRATIC CLUB, 7pm, Radisson Hotel Sac., 498-9005

GSAC, Dinner Out, 331-3602

HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR OWN WEB PAGE, Energy & Technology Center, SMUD, 6301 S St.,800/300-2654 x3054

ISLEY BROTHERS, 7:30pm, Radisson Hotel, 922-2020

MONARCHS GAME, 7pm, Vs. Houston Comets, Arco Arena

OPEN BOOK PRESENTS: 7pm, Lucy Jane Bledsoe Book Signing, 498-1004

SAN DIEGO LESBIAN/GAY PRIDE, 25 - 27, Balboa Park, 619/260-1929

VERONA VILLAGE PRESENTS: Ladies Night, 9pm-2am, with DJ Joey, 448-7798

26 SATURDAY

"AS LONG AS IT SWINGS", 8pm, 600 Polk St., 415/885-0842

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 73, 10am

CSUS PRESENTS: Japanese Folkdance Workshop, 9am, Music Building Rm 143, 383-5710

EAGLES WALKING GROUP, 991-2420

GLS, Dayhike to Lake Margaret, 421-6209

OPEN BOOK PRESENTS:7pm, Bret Johnson, 498-1004

OUT OF THE CLOSET & INTO THE SHEETS III, Women 25 & under, 415/703-6150

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS, Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199

27 SUNDAY

FACES PRESENTS: 5-8pm, Coast to Coast Karaoke Challenge, 448-7798

MONARCHS GAME, 6pm, Vs. Los Angeles Sparks, Arco Arena

28 MONDAY

CAMPING WOMEN'S RALLY AT EDGEWATER RESORT, 28 - Aug. 4, 6420 Soda Bay, Kelseyville, 707/279-0208

CARES MONDAY SUPPORT GROUP, 448-2437

KARAOKE NIGHT, 9pm - 1am, The Mirage, 15 & F St., 444-3238

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS, CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199

SAC. WOMEN'S CHORUS, 6:30pm, 424-4411

WITTER RANCH SUMMER DAY CAMP, 28 - Aug. 1, 875-6651

29 TUESDAY

FACES PRESENTS: Witness The Carnage Video Karaoke W/Duchess, 448-7798

OPEN BOOK PRESENTS: 7pm, Jay Johnson, 498-1004

SOLONO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE, 7:30pm, Fairfield, 707/449-0847

30 WEDNESDAY

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS, McKinley Park, 6:30pm, 974-8199

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 7pm, Lioness Books 2224 J St., 944-DYKE

31 THURSDAY

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 73, 10pm

CLEAR LAKE QUEEN, Camping Women, 885-9652

OLD SAC STARLIGHT MOVIE: Young Frankenstein, 558-3912

AUG.

1 FRIDAY

AMADOR COUNTY FAIR GRAPE GROWERS' WINETASTING, Amador County Fairgrounds, Plymouth, 209/245-6942

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 73, 4pm

CIRCLE, 8pm, Open Book 910 21st St., 498-1004

MR. SAC VALLEY BEAR CONTEST, 1 - 3, 535-5050

VERONA VILLAGE PRESENTS: Ladies Night, 9pm-2am, with DJ Joey, 448-7798

2 SATURDAY

"A TRIP THROUGH THE PACIFIC", 7pm, Lone Oak Hall 2201 S. Santa Cruz Ave., Modesto, 209/579-9203

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 73, 10am

EAGLES WALKING GROUP, 991-2420

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS, Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199

3 SUNDAY

FRIENDSHIP DAY

ASIAN PACIFIC SISTERHOOD MEETING, 753-6093

FACES PRESENTS: 5-8pm, Coast to Coast Karaoke Challenge, 448-7798

GAY COMEDY JAM, Crest Theatre, One Night Only

4 MONDAY

KARAOKE NIGHT, 9pm - 1am, The Mirage, 15 & F St., 444-3238

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS, CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199

SAC. WOMEN'S CHORUS, 6:30pm, 424-4411

5 TUESDAY

FACES PRESENTS: Witness The Carnage Video Karaoke W/Duchess, 448-7798

SOLONO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE, 7:30pm, Fairfield, 707/449-0847

6 WEDNESDAY

GOOD VIBRATIONS BERKELEY PRESENTS: 8pm, Erotic Photography, 2504 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, 510/841-8987

MONARCHS GAME, 7pm, Vs. Charlotte Sting, Arco Arena

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS, McKinley Park, 6:30pm, 974-8199

VALLEY BEARS MEETING, Wreck Room 2513 Broadway, 7pm, 535-5050

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 7pm, Lioness Books 2224 J St., 944-DYKE

7 THURSDAY

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 73, 10pm

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP, Auburn's DeWitt Center, 7pm, 632-7080

OLD SAC STARLIGHT MOVIE: Clueless, 558-3912

8 FRIDAY

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 73, 4pm

MONARCHS GAME, 6pm, Vs. Utah Starzz, Arco Arena

ST JOHN HEALING CIRCLE, Sponsored By OASIS to give support to HIV AIDS issues, Church of St. John the Evangelist 1661 15th St. S.F., 415/861-1436

VERONA VILLAGE PRESENTS: Ladies Night, 9pm-2am, with DJ Joey, 448-7798

9 SATURDAY

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 73, 10am

GLS, Bike & Brunch, 731-5015

EAGLES WALKING GROUP, 991-2420

RUSSIAN RIVER CRAFT FAIR, Guerneville, 865-1140

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS, Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199

10 SUNDAY

FACES PRESENTS: 5-8pm, Coast to Coast Karaoke Challenge, 448-7798

MONARCHS GAME, 6pm, Vs. New York Liberty, Arco Arena

11 MONDAY

KARAOKE NIGHT, 9pm - 1am, The Mirage, 15 & F St., 444-3238

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS, CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199

SAC. WOMEN'S CHORUS, 6:30pm, 424-4411

12 TUESDAY

FACES PRESENTS: Witness The Carnage Video Karaoke W/Duchess, 448-7798

GOOD VIBRATIONS S.F. PRESENTS: 8pm, Erotic Reading Circle, 1210 Valencia at 23rd, S.F., 415/974-8980

MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL, 12 - 17, 616/7574766

MONARCHS GAME, 7pm, Vs. Cleaveland Rockerss, Arco Arena

SOLONO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE, 7:30pm, Fairfield, 707/449-0847

13 WEDNESDAY

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS, McKinley Park, 6:30pm, 974-8199

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 7pm, Lioness Books 2224 J St., 944-DYKE

14 THURSDAY

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 73, 10pm

GOOD VIBRATIONS BERKELEY PRESENTS: 8pm, Real Live Nude Girl Book Signing, 2504 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, 510/841-8987

15 FRIDAY

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 73, 4pm

VERONA VILLAGE PRESENTS:

Ladies Night, 9pm-2am, with DJ Joey, 448-7798

16 SATURDAY

EAGLES WALKING GROUP, 991-2420

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS, Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199

SAVE THE CENTER FUNDRAISER, 8pm - 2pm, 1516 Del Paso Blvd., 444-9624

17 SUNDAY

ASIAN PACIFIC SISTERHOOD MEETING, 753-6093

FACES PRESENTS: 5-8pm, Coast to Coast Karaoke Challenge, 448-7798

PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE, Lodge At Pebble Beach, 17 Mile Drive, 408/659-0663

18 MONDAY

KARAOKE NIGHT, 9pm - 1am, The Mirage, 15 & F St., 444-3238

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS, CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199

SAC. WOMEN'S CHORUS, 6:30pm, 424-4411

19 TUESDAY

FACES PRESENTS: Witness The Carnage Video Karaoke W/Duchess, 448-7798

GOOD VIBRATION BERKELEY PRESENTS: 8pm, Toys For Men, 2504 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, 510/841-8987

PFLAG MEETING, 7:30pm, St. Mark's Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way, 863-9612

SOLONO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE, 7:30pm, Fairfield, 707/449-0847

20 WEDNESDAY

LGBA MEETING, Carrows on 10th & S St., 863-9733

MONARCHS GAME, 7pm, Vs. Phoenix Mercury, Arco Arena, 928-0000

RACE DAY FOR THE ARTS, 263-4047

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS, McKinley Park, 6:30pm, 974-8199

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, 7pm, Lioness Books 2224 J St., 944-DYKE

21 THURSDAY

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 73, 10pm

"BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES", 21 - 23, G/L Medical Assoc., 459 Fulton St., S.F., 415/255-4547

GOOD VIBRATIONS S.F. PRESENTS: 8pm, Bedtime Stories, 1210 Valencia at 23rd, S.F., 415/974-8980

22 FRIDAY

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 73, 4pm

VERONA VILLAGE PRESENTS: Ladies Night, 9pm-2am, with DJ Joey, 448-7798

23 SATURDAY

ABALONE DINNER, 6 - 11pm, Bay Hill Bed & Breakfast, Bodega Bay, 348-1286

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 73, 10am

EAGLES WALKING GROUP, 991-2420

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS, Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199

ZUCCHINI FEST & CAR RACES, 9am - 12pm, West Plaza Parking Lot, Healdsburg, 431-1956

24 SUNDAY

FACES PRESENTS: 5-8pm, Coast to Coast Karaoke Challenge, 448-7798

25 MONDAY

KARAOKE NIGHT, 9pm - 1am, The Mirage, 15 & F St., 444-3238

SAC. FRONTRUNNERS & WALKERS, CSUS, 6:30pm, 974-8199

SAC. WOMEN'S CHORUS, 6:30pm, 424-4411

TEAM MANAGEMENT SEMINAR, 25 - 29, at G/L Journalists Convention, Chicago, 510/891-9202

26 TUESDAY

FACES PRESENTS: Witness The Carnage Video Karaoke W/Duchess, 448-7798

SOLONO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE, 7:30pm, Fairfield, 707/449-0847

"You are Getting Sleepy" by Mona Kimbrough at the Thomas A. Oldham Gallery as part of "Introductions '97"

THEATRE/DANCE

THE ACTING COMPANY, *Charley's Aunt*, July 25 - Aug. 17, *Cat On A Hot Tin Roof*, Sept 19 - Oct. 12, *The Miracle Worker*, Nov. 14 - Dec. 7, 815 B. St. Yuba City

THE B-STREET THEATER, *Jack and Jill*, thru July 20, *Disgruntled Employees* opens Aug. 17; 2711 B St., 443-5300

CSUS THEATRE, *Jumbo* Oct 16 - 26, *Arcadia* Oct. 30 - Nov. 6, *Shadow Of A Man* Nov 20 - Dec. 6, 278-6368

FAIR OAKS OPERA, *The Beggar's Opera*, thru July 27, 966-3683

GARBEAU'S DINNER THEATRE, *Murder Among Friends*, thru Sept. 14, *Forever Plaid*, Sept. 19 - Nov 23, *The 1940's Radio Hour*, Nov. 28 - Jan 11, 1998, 12401 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, 985-6361

GEERY THEATRE, *A Weekend Near Madison*, thru July 27, 22nd & L, 448-9019

RIVER STAGE, *Fresh Off The Boat*, thru Jul. 27; Consumes River College, 688-7364

SACRAMENTO LIGHT OPERA ASSOCIATION, *The Desert Song*, thru Jul. 20; *Can-Can*, Jul. 21 - 27; *Oliver!*, Jul. 28 - Aug. 3; *Damn Yankees*, Aug. 4 - 10; *My Fair Lady*, Aug 11 - 17; *Oklahoma!*, Aug. 18 - 24, Music Circus 1419 H St., 557-1999.

SACRAMENTO REPERTORY THEATRE, *Hunter* thru Jul 26, 5101 Lawrence Dr., 457-8827.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK, *Henry V*, July 17 & 24; *The Tempest*, July 31 & Aug. 7, San Francisco, 800/978-PLAY

WOODLAND OPERA HOUSE, *Madness In The Moonlight*, thru July 26; *Tintypes*, Sept 5 - 27; *Little Mary Sunshine*, Oct 10 - 19, *Much Ado About Nothing*, Nov 7 - 29; *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, Dec. 12 - 21, *Steel Magnolias*, Jan. 30 - Feb. 21, 1998; *West Side Story*, Mar. 20 - Apr. 11, 1998; *The Sensuous Senator*, May 15 - Jun. 6, 1998, 666-9618

THEATRE ZOE, *Laughing Wild* thru June 22; *Good* July 25 - Aug 9, Davis, 759-7129

ART GALLERIES

BIG ART, 1928 L St., 446-2740

BLOOMING ART, *Introductions '97*, thru Aug. 2, 1901 Capitol Ave., 442-3800

BRIDGE GALLERY, 689 Bryant St. S.F., 415/267-1866

CALIF. PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR, *Variations in Time*, thru Sept. 14; *Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts*, thru Sept. 14; John Martin: *Vision of the Biblical Flood* thru Aug. 3, *Roy Lichtenstein Prints/Anderson Collection*, thru Oct. 19; *Nathan Oliveira Monotypes*, Jun. 14, *Artists Prints, Crown Prints Press*, Oct. 4 - Jan 4, 1998; 34th Ave. & Clement St., San Francisco, 415/863-3330.

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ART, *New Work by Nadada*, Sept. 13 - Oct. 11, 1516 Del Paso Blvd., 444-9624

CROCKER ART MUSEUM, 216 O St., 264-5423

DE YOUNG MUSEUM, *"Life and Afterlife in Ancient Peru: Treasures from the Museo Arqueologico"*, Rafael Larco Herrera, thru Aug.; *Jeffrey Appleby Collection of Andean Textiles*, thru Aug. 10, *"Art Of The Americas: Identity Crisis"*, Jul. 26 - Nov. 16; *"Masters Of Light: Dutch Paintings from Utrecht in the Golden Age"*, Sep. 13 - Nov 30; *Morgan Flagg Collection*, Oct. 18 - Jan. 1998; *"Art Of The Americas: Art and Ethnography"*, Dec 6 - Mar. 1998; *Treasures of the Tervuren Museum*, Feb. 21, 1998 - Apr. 31, 1998; *John Stuart Curry: "Invading the Middle West"*, Jun 13, 1998 - Aug. 30, 1998; *"The Wealth of the Thracians"*, Aug. 8, 1998 - Oct. 11, 1998, 75 Tea Garden Dr. S.F., 415/750-3614

SOLOMON DUBNICK GALLERY, *Introductions 1997*, thru Aug. 2; *California Landscape": Paintings by Alan Post, Craig Smith & Larry Welden*, Aug 8 - 31; *Don Reich Retrospective*, Sept 3 - 29; *Print Drawing & Sculpture by Cecilia Calmes; New Works by Gary Pruner*, Nov. 6 - 29, 1997, *New Works by Irving Marcus*, Jan. 8 - 31, 1998; *New works by Jack Ogden*, Feb. 4 - 28, 1998, 2131 Northrop Ave., 920-4547

GALERIA DE LA RAZA, *Isis Rodriguez: "My Life As A Comic Stripper"*, thru Aug. 9, *Alex Donis: "My Cathedral"*, Aug. 19 - Sept. 27; *"Dia de los Muertos"*, Oct. 7 - Nov. 8; *"Bazaar Navideno"*, Nov. - Dec. 24, Studio 24 2857 24th St., S.F., 425/826-8009

MICHAEL HIMOVITZ GALLERY, *Grand Opening July 11*, 1616 Del Paso Blvd., $50, RSVP

I STREET GALLERY, *Gerald Kudo*, 1725 I St., 443-2310

MILLENIUM ARTS GALLERY, *Views of Northern California*, thru Aug. 4, 138 Weeks Way, 707/829-5541

RICHARD L. NELSON GALLERY & FINE ARTS COLLECTION, 124-125 Art Building U.C. Davis, 752-8500

THOMAS A. OLDHAM GALLERY, 1729 L St., 444-9624

QUICKSILVER MINE CO., *Behind The Image*, thru Aug. 10, 154 N. Main St. Sebastopol, 707/829-2416

SHENANDOAH GALLERY, *Phyllis D. Earls*, thru July 15, 12300 Steiner Rd., Plymouth, 209/245-4455

STILL LIFE GALLEY, *"Minor Works"* thru Aug 9, 2231 J St., 446-6786

VIEWPOINT GALLERY, *Tribute to Morley Baer*, Jun. 27 - Aug 1, 551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd., 441-2341

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MASTER CALENDAR

UFMCC General Conference, Sydney, Australia, ---------- Jul. 20 - 25
California State Fair, 263-3000, ---------- Aug 15 - Sep. 1
CAP PAC Annual Dinner, 736-2722, ---------- Aug. 20
Rainbow Festival Street Fair, 448-7798, ---------- Aug. 31
Sacramento Capital AIDS Walk, 448-2437, ---------- Sep. 21
Folsom Street Fair, S.F., 415/861-3247, ---------- Sep. 28
Sac Gay Men's Chorus, 448-2437 ext 213, ---------- Oct. 4
Castro Street Fair, S.F., 415/467-3354, ---------- Oct. 5
G/L Film Festival, 558-6598, ---------- Oct 10 & 11
National Coming Out Day, ---------- Oct. 11
GLB Night at Disneyland, ---------- Oct 24 - 26,
NAMES Project Halloween Party, 484-5646, ---------- Oct. 31
World AIDS Day, ---------- Dec. 1

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Women's Fishing Club now forming. Kim 454-2896 tfn

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Housemate Needed in Davis

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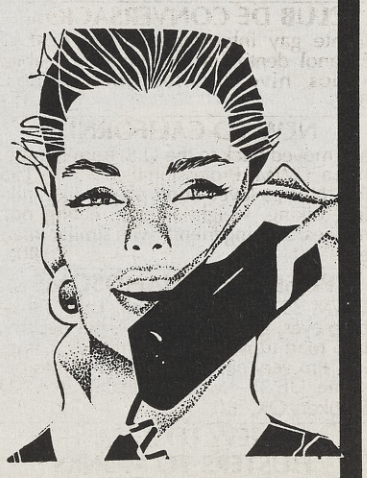

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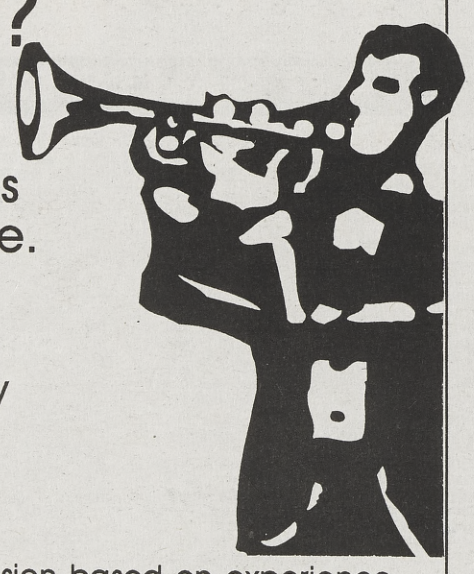

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GWM 39, 5'10", dark hair, Lake Tahoe blue eyes, gym toned HIV+, but healthy. Into road trips, outdoors, movies, camping. I'm very easy going and not into bar scene. UB 35-45, HIV+, healthy. NA ND Smokers OK. 8/1 ✆1799

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I DO BELIEVE
That a good relationship is lifes greatest reware. GWM Mid 30's looking for that reward. 5'8", brn, bl, 159 lbs, HIV+, healthy, goatee. You be 35+, masculine, outdoorsy, funny and sincere and want LTR. You will believe. 9/1 ✆1815

ANYONE OUT THERE???
GM iso GWM/GLM 4 friendship possible LTR. Me:23 y/o Filipino, 5'5", 140#, HIV+. Love life, cars, caring, funny, shy & maybe cute? Many interests. You: Under 45, good shape, honest, sincere & ready 4 whatever happens!!! 9/1 ✆1814

SEEKING SUMMER FUN
GWM, 51, seeks sensuous GM who enjoys contact, touch, and massage for fun times and shared adventure. I'm 5'8", 175 lbs., brn/blue, beard, HIV-. Let's connect. 9/1 ✆1830

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6'4", 190, brn/blue, 42, HIV+ (don't get scared). Into history, movies, swimming, water skiing.A non-scene guy looking for PT lover 1/2 my age. You must be noncertifiable. Is that asking much? Law abiding, N/A,NS except pot 9/1 ✆1818

LESBIANS SEEKING LESBIANS

SEEKING CASUAL PLAYMATES
Handsome passionate attractive GWF, 30, seeking attractive GF, 20-45 for adventures. Prefer dark haired, skinned woman. Would like photo exchange and correspondence before meeting. All responses will receive reply. No drugs, no men. 8/15 ✆1812

LIVE LIFE FULLY
I love God, my family and people including men. GF WLTM lesbians who have outgrown the need to suffer and who have a community that supports them in living life fully. If you are You, aesthetically pleasing, 30-40, please call. 8/15 ✆1808

LOVING POWER EXCHANGE
GWF, 40, attractive, handsom, experienced top, seeks submissive, feminine lesbian bottom, 25-50, for gentle, soft, firm, loving, power exchange. You must be willing and able to commmunicate neds, limits and show respect. Novices welcome. ND NA 8/1 ✆1805

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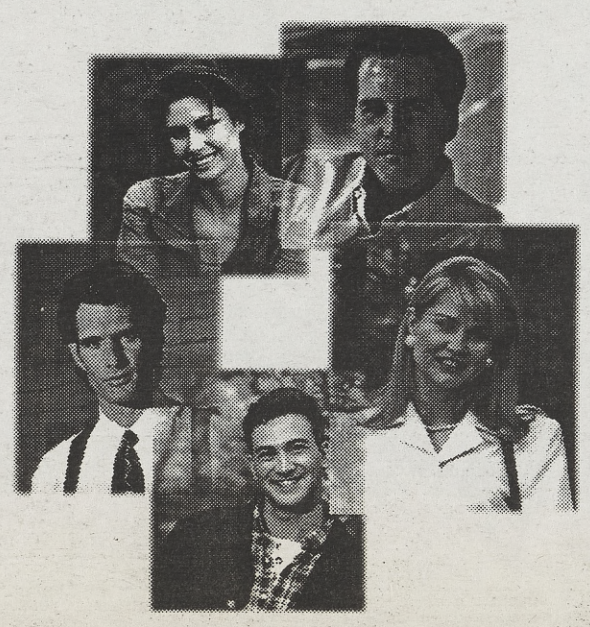

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My lover and I both enjoy spending time with other women, but privately, no menage a trois. Me GWF, 40, Handsome, attractive, warm, friendly, open minded. WLTM Femme, soft butch woman for conversation, dining, friendship, possibly more. I have tremendous passion for the arts, books, nature. Call and let's meet. Who knows, maybe Aphrodite will cast her magic? 9/1 ✆1806

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TOO SHY
Too shy to talk to that cute guy you saw at the coffee shop? Just can't get up the nerve to approach that woman you saw at the store? Remember, MGW is the local Gay and Lesbian paper that everyone reads...Place a FREE I Saw You ad and get that second chance at meeting you have been hoping for.

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